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TRINAMOOL SEEKS TO FORGE THIRD FRONT AGAINST BJP

West Bengal's ruling party is looking to forge a non-Congress Opposition in both Parliamentary Houses to take on the BJP

PARTIES NOT ALLIED WITH CONGRESS TARGETED

Sources in the Trinamool, which will skip the joint strategy meeting today of the Opposition for the winter session, said the party is looking to coordinate with others that are not in alliance with the Congress anywhere. The second largest party in Rajya Sabha and the fourth largest in Lok Sabha, TMC said it won't align itself with Congress's floor strategy

'NOBODY IS UNTOUCHABLE FOR US'

- The Trinamool has burnt bridges with the Congress as it has opened its door to rebels so as to realise its national ambition
- "We will reach out to all like-minded parties, whether it is the Samajwadi Party or BJD, for a stronger Opposition front. Nobody is untouchable for us," said a TMC MP | P7

22 MPs

TMC HAS IN LOK SABHA, COMPARED WITH 53 MPs OF CONGRESS

Oppn demands MSP law at all-party meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the Opposition making a slew of demands, including a law to guarantee Minimum Support Price for farm produce, at an all-party meeting on Sunday, defence minister and Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha Rajnath Singh told floor leaders that the government is ready for a healthy discussion on all issues in the Winter Session of Parliament.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the meeting a miss, though in the past he had attended them. The meeting is called a day before the Parliament session begins.

Opposition parties indicated they will further pressure the government on farm issues, with some of them expressing concern that the Centre could bring in provisions of the three contentious laws that are up for repeal in a different form.

Making it clear that the Opposition parties will take up the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, floor leaders pressed for the sacking of Union minister Ajay Mishra whose son is the prime accused in the violence.

Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjuna Kharge demanded a law to guarantee MSP. He also said the government should give financial compensation to victims of Covid-19 as well as the farm agitation.

V Vijaysai Reddy of the YSR Congress demanded the expansion of the MSP basket to cover marine and poultry products. He also sought caste census.

Landslide BJP win in Tripura civic polls

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE ruling BJP in Tripura swept the civic elections on Sunday, capturing power in all 20 urban local bodies (ULBs).

The elections were held against the backdrop of sporadic incidents of political violence. The CPI(M) and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) had accused the BJP of assault and intimidation of their workers.

Of the total 334 seats, the BJP won 329. It had won 112 seats in seven ULBs unopposed earlier. Three seats went to the CPI(M) and one each to the TMC and the TIPRA Motha.

That the BJP was serious about the polls was evident from Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking to Twitter to congratulate people and party workers on the success.

The TMC was optimistic about its success in the Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) but the BJP won all its 51 seats. "People of Agartala have shown abundant confidence in the double engine government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @Narendra Modi ji," Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb tweeted.

The TMC had viewed the polls as its launch pad to make inroads into the Bengali-majority state. Its defeat comes days after it became Meghalaya's main opposition through a political coup that saw 12 of the 17 Congress MLAs defecting to it.

TMC's Abhishek Banerjee said it was exceptional for a party with negligible presence to get over 20% vote share in the polls.

State wants Centre to ban passengers from S Africa

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

WITH fears of the Omicron variant of Covid looming, the state government has requested the Centre to impose a travel ban on passengers coming from South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that the state could announce any restrictions on Christmas and New Year celebrations after watching the Covid situation.

"A new strain of Covid has surfaced abroad, which is mainly seen in South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana. European nations have imposed restrictions and World Health Organisation too has raised an alarm," Bommai said.

Reiterating that there are no Omicron cases in the state, he said action is being taken to contain the spurt of Covid clusters.

It is noticed that most of these cases are among paramedical staff and students arriving from Kerala, he added.

"To contain the spread, strict surveillance, including testing and seeking RTPCR negative reports, is being followed in Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts bordering Kerala. Those arriving from Kerala will be allowed only with an RTPCR negative report. It is also mandatory for them to have a double dose of vaccination," he said.

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A healthcare worker collects swab samples for Covid testing at a government school in Bengaluru on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

NATIONWIDE	NOV 27	NOV 28
Fresh cases	8,318	8,774
Recoveries	10,967	9,481
Deaths	465	621

KARNATAKA	NOV 27	NOV 28
Fresh cases	322	315
Recoveries	176	236
Deaths	3	2

Test norms for fliers revised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the highly infectious Omicron variant of the coronavirus being detected in at least two more countries on Sunday, the Centre decided to review its decision on resuming commercial foreign flights. Before Omicron surfaced, it had reportedly planned to resume full international travel from December 15.

And now, new guidelines from the health ministry state that passengers travelling from or transiting through "at risk" countries will have to take a RT-PCR test on arrival in India and will be required to wait for the results before leaving the airport or taking a connecting flight. Five per cent of travellers from other countries in each flight will be randomly tested at the airport.

The "at-risk" countries are European nations, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel.

On Sunday, in an urgent meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, the government issued a slew of directions to states for ramping up testing-surveillance measures and health facilities, asking them to focus on intensive containment, monitoring of hot spots and increasing vaccination coverage. The meeting follows a high-level review by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

For their part, states began to retighten Covid restrictions and trace people who arrived from abroad, especially from 'at risk' nations, in the last one month.

Though no Omicron cases have been recorded in India yet, confirmed or suspected cases have emerged in Europe, Israel and Hong Kong — just days after it was first detected in South Africa. The Netherlands confirmed 13 cases, Australia two and the UK one on Sunday.

In drastic moves, Israel barred entry to foreigners and Morocco suspended all incoming air travel. P12

Catching the bug in time

South Africa didn't wait for gene sequencing to spot the variant, as it used a RT-PCR test with a gene kit that can show a result of a undetectable S-gene target — a marker for Omicron. India doesn't have the kit yet, but it can begin manufacturing quickly, says scientist Anurag Agrawal | P7

Cops use spade to remove remains of man on road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a horrific hit-and-run case, the body of a man who was fatally knocked down by a speeding vehicle on Nelamangala Highway was run over by several vehicles on Sunday. The body had been crushed to such an extent that the police had to use a spade to remove the remains from the road. They could only recover the victim's trousers, patches of skin and one ear that was intact.

The traffic police said that the accident near Rayarapalya might have occurred in the early hours of Sunday and the drivers did not notice the body on the road as it was dark. The headlights could only pick up disheveled clothes as the body had been crushed beyond recognition, they added.

The stretch of highway where the accident occurred lacks adequate streetlights for about 2 km and there are no CCTV cameras installed too. P5

EXPRESS READ

A year later, 2 Covid victims' bodies lie in morgue, forgotten

BENGALURU: In a shocking case of negligence, two bodies of Covid-19 victims were found in the mortuary of ESI Hospital, Rajajinagar, more than a year after the deaths took place. Muniraju (62) from KP Agrahara and Durga (40) from Chamarajpet had succumbed to the virus, and their bodies were stored in the old mortuary freezer since July 2020 | P3

Faruqui's show cancelled after B'luru police letter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru city police denied permission to a show by stand-up comedian **Munawar Faruqui**, triggering a controversy. While Faruqui hinted that he would quit holding his shows, the police defended their action, saying they only gave a "suggestion" to the organisers to call off the show and did not "force" them to do so.

The show -- 'Dongri to Nowhere' -- by Gujarat-based Faruqui was scheduled to be held at Good Shepherd's auditorium on Museum Road at 5 pm on Sunday. Over 600 tickets had been sold.

But the Hindu Janajagruthi Samiti wrote to Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Saturday, seeking cancellation of the show, alleging that Faruqui has a history of hurting the sentiments of Hindus by making derogatory remarks against Hindu religion, deities and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The right-wing organisation had also threatened to stage protests if permission was granted.

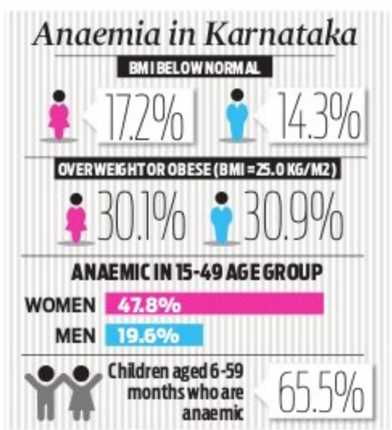
Later on Saturday, Ashoknagar Police Inspector Mallesh B Bolethin, under whose jurisdiction the venue falls, wrote to the organisers — Vishesh Dhuria and Sidharth Das of New Delhi-based Curtain Call Events — suggesting that they cancel the show. CONTINUED ON: P2, CE: P1

DOWNPOUR DEVASTATION

The Cooum river overflows and blocks the road near Maduravoyal, following heavy rain, in Chennai on Sunday | MARTIN LOUIS | P5

HEALTH RISK

Number of anaemic kids, women up in last 5 yrs



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NOTWITHSTANDING numerous initiatives to provide nutritious food, anaemia continues to be a major health problem among women and children in Karnataka. In fact, the numbers went up in the last few years to a high of 48% among women and 66% among children aged 6 to 59 months.

The latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 shows an increase of 3 per cent among women and 5 per cent among children, compared to the last NFHS-4 survey in 2015-16.

While better access to healthcare facilities could be one of the reasons for the increase in the numbers, it is a serious cause of concern. "In children, it can cause stunting and make them more prone to other infections," said Dr Sylvia Karpagam, public health doctor and researcher. "It can also affect concentration among children. If it is more predominant among Adivasi and Dalit children, who have already been labelled as slow learners, it can lead to a huge consequence as they cannot concentrate and start with a disadvantage," she said. As many as 67.1% of rural children are anaemic compared to 62.8% in urban areas. P5

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It is stifling freedom of expression: Tharoor

TMC invites Faruqui to WB; Cops acting on conjectures, say Twitterati

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THE Bengaluru City Police denying permission to Munawar Faruqui's stand-up comedy show has drawn strong criticism from the Twitterati.

Slamming the move, Kerala Congress MP **Shashi Tharoor** tweeted, "This is deplorable. Stifling freedom of expression takes many forms but threatening a stand-up comedian's venue is petty and shameful," while Saket Gokhale, national spokesperson of the TMC, tweeted, "This tactic by the BJP-RSS to deprive someone of their livelihood needs to be nipped in the bud. Munawar - as I'd told you - you'll ALWAYS be welcome in West Bengal. Book as many shows as possible. The BJP-RSS won't dare do their dirty tactics is what I can assure you."

"Comedy shows are NOT allowed. Religious, Communal Hate speeches are allowed !! New India !!," said Sharanu N in a tweet, while Karam Komireddy tweeted: "Indore police arrested #MunawarFaruqui for a joke he did not crack. Bengaluru cops cancelled his show anticipating a law & order problem: a classic case of police acting on surmises & conjectures."

"Yet another show of #MunawarFaruqui has been cancelled - this time in Bengaluru. The modus operandi is the same each time - starts with threats by some H!ndoo groups One by one every State is giving in to such bullying." Katyusha questioned.

COMEDIAN HINTS AT QUITTING FOR GOOD

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THE inspector stated in the letter that it had been learnt that Faruqui is a controversial figure as he has made controversial statements against deities of other religions. The police also referred to cases registered against Munawar in Tukoganj police station of Indore in Madhya Pradesh and said his shows have been banned in many states.

"There is credible information that several organisations are opposing this stand-up comedy show. This could create chaos and disturb public peace and harmony, which may further lead to law and order problems. Therefore, it is suggested that you cancel the show," the police wrote to the organisers, following which the show was called off on Sunday.

Later, Faruqui tweeted indicating that he would stop holding shows for good. "Nafrat jeet hai, Artist haar gaya (Hatred is victory, the artist has lost). I'm done! Goodbye! INJUSTICE." "Putting me in the jail for the joke I never did to cancelling my shows which have nothing problematic in it. This is unfair. This show has gained so much love from the people in India irrespective of their religion. This is unfair. We do have censor certificate of the show and it's clearly nothing problematic in the show! We called off 12 shows in the last 2 months because of the threats to venue and audience," (Sic) he tweeted, adding, "I think this is The End. My name is Munawar Faruqui and that's been my time, you guys were a wonderful audience. Goodbye! I'm done."

Show was charity special for Appu's trust

Faruqui also said the proceedings of the show were to be donated to late actor Puneeth Rajkumar's trust. "A month ago, my team called Late Puneeth Rajkumar sir's organisation for charity which we will (be) going to generate from this show in Bangalore! We agreed to not sell the show in the name of charity as suggested by the Nobel organisation,"(Sic) he tweeted.

'We did not force them to cancel show'

The police maintained that they only 'suggested' and didn't 'force' the organisers to cancel the show. "The organisers had informed us about the show on November 15. As we had information that some organisations were against the show, we contacted the organisers and told them about the situation. They asked us to give it in writing. A letter was sent suggesting that the show be cancelled and they did. We didn't force anyone," a police officer said.

Resident docs to go on strike from today

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IN protest against the postponement of NEET PG counselling and admission process, the Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) has decided to withdraw OPD services from Monday. The doctors will also protest the Karnataka government's failure to pay Covid-19 risk allowance of Rs 10,000 per month, by boycotting elective OT services as well.

In a letter to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the doctors said the overburdened and exhausted resident doctors on the frontlines of the Covid pandemic had been waiting patiently till November 25 for a positive outcome of the ongoing Supreme Court proceedings in the matter of NEET PG counselling.

"However, there seems to be no respite to their physical and mental distress, with the next court hearing scheduled for January 6. We hereby urge the Union government and Supreme Court of India to take note of the grievance. In case there is no positive response, we will be forced to escalate our protest," read a letter signed by Dr Tejas J, president of KARD.

In a separate press statement, they said the state government has announced Covid-19 allowance of Rs 10,000 per month in May 2021. However, no funds have been released yet. "Our academic fees were hiked from Rs 30,000 to Rs 1,20,000. The issue was taken up in the form of symbolic protests, and letters submitted to authorities," they wrote.

An earlier strike by MMCRI-Mysuru was put on hold, based on an assurance by Health Minister Dr Sudhakar. However, the matter was not addressed, they said.

LIFE IN MOTION

Even as the State Government prepares to fight newer variants of the coronavirus, the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station remains busy, with scores of passengers alighting from trains, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

Postpone all events, govt tells institutions

BENGALURU: The State Government has directed that all social and cultural events at educational institutions should be postponed for the next two months.

Conferences, seminars and academic programmes at the institutions may be postponed or held in a hybrid mode with minimal physical attendance, with more participants attending through the virtual mode. Heads of educational institutions have also been directed to ensure that all students aged above 18 years and staff are vaccinated on priority.

"Heads of educational institutions should take utmost care that Covid-appropriate behaviour is adhered to on campus, especially during the conduct of events. All students in medical, paramedical and other educational institutions should be screened daily for symptoms. Those symptomatic should be tested and treated," the advisory read.

NGO helps families file for benefits to ensure child welfare

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WITH many children orphaned during Covid, the SOS Children's Village has been helping them find a home and aiding Covid-affected families file for compensation and benefits.

The NGO offered its services to the government to take in Covid-orphaned children. Titus Poovakulam, South Zonal Director of the NGO, said, "The government has been open to our support and invited us for various meetings and consultations. We are also part of the state committee that drafts rules on child welfare."

He said the organisation has been helping families and children to avail of government benefits, including Covid compensation. "We facilitate government social security benefits, like widow and old-age pension. Even after we withdraw from the community, it ensures that their children are taken care of," he added.

President of the NGO Dr Dereje Wordofa said that one of the bigger goals of their organisation is to collaborate with local governments to ensure child safety and welfare.

BICYCLE DAY

All for fitness: Malleswaram MLA bikes with constituents

IT-BT Minister and Malleswaram MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan rides a bicycle along with residents on their bikes across a 4.2-km stretch in Bengaluru on Sunday. The event was hosted to promote healthy living, fitness and sustainable development | EXPRESS

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IT-BT Minister and Malleswaram MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan cycled with the residents of his constituency, for Bicycle Day, on Sunday.

Highlighting the importance of cycling and walking towards maintain health and fitness at the event hosted by the Council for Active Mobility (CFAM) and Directorate of Urban Land Transportation (DULT), the minister said, "Cycling is popular even in developed countries owing to increased concern over environment and individual health."

In order to promote cycling and walking, DULT has granted permission to hold a Bicycle Day on Sundays till January 2022. "While doing things which require shorter span of time, walking or cycling to places can reduce noise pollution and air pollution, while helping maintain physical fitness," he said.

Bicycle Day was also an awareness programme to promote locals walking or biking to areas that were less than 15 minutes away, leading to sustainable development and a healthy lifestyle. The minister cycled a total of 4.2 km along with other participants, starting from Malleswaram and heading to Yeshwanthpur Circle. Cyclists also rode 104 km, along a route that resembled the Karnataka map, to celebrate Kannada Rajyotsava. Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister Narayana Gowda, and Padma Shri awardee and para-athlete KY Venkatesh handed out mementos to cyclists who successfully completed the 104-km stretch.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29th November : This week, I'm going to take a look at lunar influences. Many people say that, as the Moon moves the tides, it must move us as well. This is possible, but if the Moon does affect us then it's in a different way from the oceans, and the exact mechanics have eluded us - so far. But watch this space!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A pleasant lunar pattern favours all adventurous matters, so you may push yourself to the limit, but you should do so in the most relaxed manner possible! On a down-to-earth note, make sure that you're completely aware of your rights in all respects.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Life could be slightly expensive, but there's unlikely to be anything you can't handle. It's also a suitable moment for arranging social excursions, especially to the far corners of the globe. Perhaps, though, it's a voyage of the imagination which catches your fancy.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A curious and lively period brings few direct planetary alignments, but plenty which make their presence felt in discreet, subtle avenues. As it happens, there will be myriad ways for you to dodge routine commitments and seek out fresh interests.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You should spare a little extra time for health matters and resolve to improve your physical well-being. Although there are indications that you'll have plenty on your plate today, you make a point of considering your diet and exercise regime afresh.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may be struggling to keep private matters from becoming public. You might also have difficulty adjusting to normal daily life - and changing circumstances. The way out of this trap is to change your attitude to your duties, and infuse everything you do with personal creative enthusiasm. It can be done!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If other people are taking the lead, then this is a development most earnestly to be encouraged! You'll open up new vistas for the future if you follow where they tread, soaking up new experiences. One word of advice, though - don't believe everything that other people say about each other.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's a useful day for short journeys, discussions and interviews, but what seems to be more important is your ability to empathise with other people. That is, you should try to genuinely understand exactly how they feel. Then you might even be able to make decisions on their behalf.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's not a bad day for shopping, and there could be the odd bargain on the horizon. However, even such trivial developments could start a train of events that eventually leads to completely unexpected results. Even a minor choice could have epic consequences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The ball is in your court today, so you may well have the upper hand. Realise, though, that with every stroke of good fortune comes a duty to others. The most useful thing you can do for yourself now is to change your emotional attitudes, looking at the demands you've been making of others. Perhaps you've not always been fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There is everything to gain from spending some time alone, so don't feel bad about being secretive or keeping your feelings to yourself. In all discussions and debates express yourself forcefully, but without tipping over into aggression.

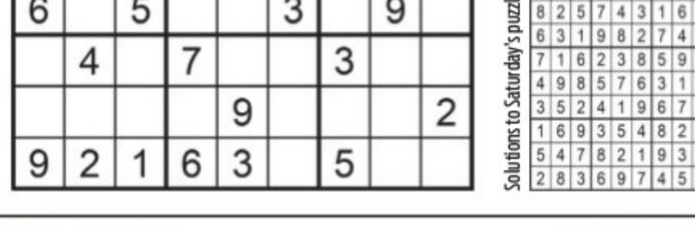
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Partners or close companions still imagine that you will run true to form, but how wrong they are. This is an extraordinarily powerful week for you to defy all such misplaced expectations. Sooner or later a partner will realise that you were right!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Take command. As a Piscean you are not normally considered a natural leader, yet one of your deeper skills is your ability to lead from behind! Your talents in this respect are extremely subtle, and in the right situation you need only click your fingers for others to do what you want.

THE PHANTOM

THIS TALE YOU WANT TO TELL IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME, MOZZ...
NOT A WORD TO DIANA, GURAN.
AGREED?
MOZZ?
NOT A WORD.
BEGINNING: "THE CHRONICLE OF OLD MAN MOZZ"

HI AND LOIS



BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, HOW ARE THOSE REPORTS GOING?
BOSS, I'M JUST NOT INSPIRED TO WRITE REPORTS TODAY
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL, MY BOY
MOST DAYS I'M NOT INSPIRED TO SPEND EVEN FIVE MINUTES SIGNING PAYCHECKS
FEELING INSPIRED OVER HERE, BOSS

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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9	2	1	6	3		5		

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

9	7	4	1	6	5	2	8	3
8	2	5	7	4	3	1	6	9
6	3	1	9	8	2	7	4	5
7	1	6	2	3	8	5	9	4
4	9	8	5	7	6	3	1	2
3	5	2	4	1	9	6	7	8
1	6	9	3	5	4	8	2	7
5	4	7	8	2	1	9	3	6
2	8	3	6	9	7	4	5	1

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Sort of money needed to build skyscrapers (4,7)
9 Effects of a single legislator on laws (7)
10 A neat soft-drink dispenser (5)
11 Heat developed in emotion (4)
12 Guard sent to a breached line (8)
14 Quietly yearn for table linen (6)
16 Is ecstatic being a new parent (6)
18 Political favours? (8)
19 He employs us with hesitation (4)
22 He's absorbed in a steel merger (5)
23 Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
24 Where to find aces well looked after (2,4,5)

DOWN

2 Insertion of computer data is not out of place (5)
3 A kick from a horse (4)
4 How a well-drilled army marches on foot (6)
5 Etching - or a watercolour? (8)
6 A conclusive flourish of notes (7)
7 Late tenders? (5,6)
8 Put in a word for the working classes (11)
13 One who talks one round to composing some music (8)
15 Unusual stamp on a letter is entrusted to him (7)
17 Harvested a variety of red pea (6)
20 Small party in southern courtyard (5)
21 Singer eager for a comeback (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Honest, 4 Massacre, 9 Loaded, 10 Absinthe, 12 Tote, 13 Piled, 14 City, 17 Wedding rings, 20 Comes to light, 23 Draw, 24 Pitot, 25 Torn, 28 Proceeds, 29 Regina, 30 Sunshade, 31 X-rayed.

Down: 1 Hill town, 2 Neap tide, 3 Seer, 5 Abbreviation, 6 Suit, 7 Citric, 8 Evelyn, 11 Single-minded, 15 Pivot, 16 Agile, 18 Ignominy, 19 Standard, 21 Adapts, 22 Lagoon, 26 Mesh, 27 Gear.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BFAEL
SYHUK
LISIEM
YRNCOA

Will we be dining on the beach as usual?
Let's keep up our tradition!
This year will be our best yet.
FOR THE WEALTHY ARISTOCRATS, VACATIONING AT THEIR BEACHFRONT ESTATE WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:** CRAZE THEME TRENDY VISUAL
ANSWER: Turning their property around the creek into a campground created a --REVENUE STREAM

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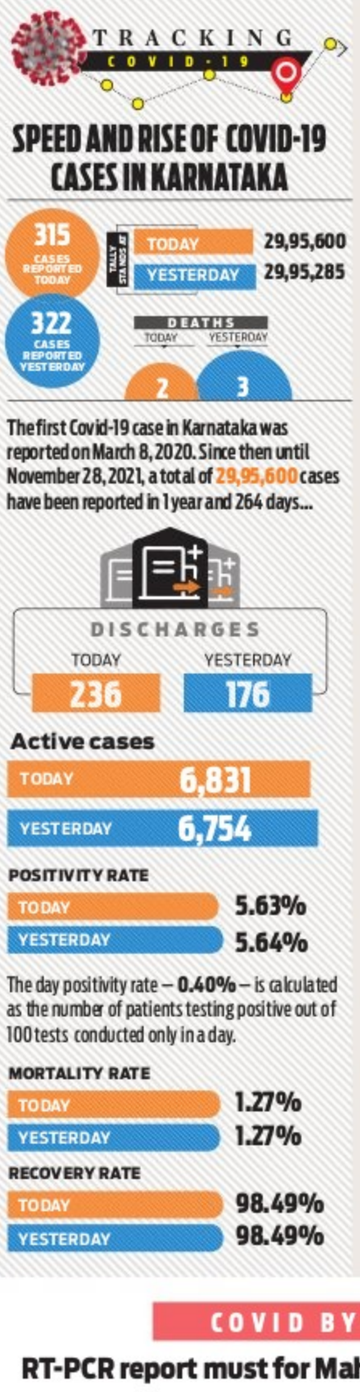
The Dharwad district administration has confirmed that the Covid-19 infection has not spread to patients and their attendants at SDM Hospital. Positive cases were found only among students, doctors and staffers. In the Covid-19 outbreak at SDM Medical College near Dharwad, a total of 306 students, doctors and other staffers were infected


TRACKING COVID-19
SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA
315 CASES REPORTED TODAY
322 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY
TODAY 29,95,600
YESTERDAY 29,95,285
DEATHS
TODAY 2
YESTERDAY 3
The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until November 28, 2021, a total of 29,95,600 cases have been reported in 1 year and 264 days...
DISCHARGES
TODAY 236
YESTERDAY 176
Active cases
TODAY 6,831
YESTERDAY 6,754
POSITIVITY RATE
TODAY 5.63%
YESTERDAY 5.64%
The day positivity rate – 0.40% – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.
MORTALITY RATE
TODAY 1.27%
YESTERDAY 1.27%
RECOVERY RATE
TODAY 98.49%
YESTERDAY 98.49%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

152 BENGALURU URBAN	2 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	2
Belagavi	0
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	1
Chikkaballapur	1
Chikkamagaluru	0
Chitradurga	1
Dakshina Kannada	19
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	49
Gadag	0
Hassan	9
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	2
Kodagu	8
Kolar	0
Koppal	0
Mandya	1
Mysuru	26
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	10
Tumakuru	11
Udupi	10
Uttara Kannada	8
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

Negligence as 2 Covid dead found in mortuary after 16 months

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IN a case of utter negligence, bodies of two Covid-19 patients were found in the mortuary of ESI Rajajinagar Hospital, more than a year after the deaths took place. Muniraju (62) from KP Agrahara and Durga (40) from Chamarajpet passed away due to the virus, and their bodies were stored in the old mortuary freezer since July 2020.

"As there were many Covid bodies during that period, it was decided to shift them to the new mortuary. The old mortuary was close to the oxygen pipeline of the hospital, so it was closed down. However, the hospital staff neglected to take out these two bodies and forgot about them. It is a clear case of negligence by both the caretakers and nodal officer," said a staffer of ESI Hospital, on condition of anonymity.

The old mortuary was closed last year, and families of the deceased did not take their bodies as the protocol then was to hand over the Covid dead directly to BBMP for the final rites. On Saturday, housekeeping staff who were cleaning up the premises came upon the two bodies emitting a foul smell. They alerted medical staff who found the bodies in the freezer, and informed the medical superintendent and police. The bodies were sent to Victoria Hospital for postmortem.

"A case of unnatural death was registered, and we will take further action once the departmental inquiry is done by hospital authorities," said a police officer from Rajajinagar station. Dr Imtihan Hussain, medical superintendent, ESI Hospital, Rajajinagar, refused to comment.

Genome panel to recheck SA travellers' report, strict testing for int'l passengers

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DESPITE the two South African travellers who landed in Bengaluru being infected with the Delta variant, the genome sequencing committee has decided to rerun the report. Meanwhile, passengers who came into Karnataka from vulnerable countries in the past 15 days (November 12 to 27) will also be subjected to repeat RT-PCR testing.

"Bioinformatics are being checked again to ensure there is no presence of the Omicron variant. The final analysis is expected to come either late Monday evening or Tuesday," explained an expert who is part of the committee, formed by the state government.

Experts from the Technical Advisory Committee apparently warned the health department not to be complacent, and step up containment and active surveillance at the airport, and even track all international passengers who arrived from South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong.

"All international travellers from South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong who have arrived in the last 15 days (since November 12) should be tracked and subjected to repeat RT-PCR testing," said the addendum circular issued by principal secretary (health & family Welfare) T K Anil Kumar.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka health department will also collect detailed travel history of passengers arriving via international flights. If they test positive for Covid-19, the samples will immediately be sent to genome sequencing laboratories attached to INSACOG. The experts have said it is important to subject those testing positive from these countries for whole genome sequencing (WGS) on priority.

"The health department will be tracing all travellers from three countries post November 14. The testing mandate was much more relaxed then, and considering the speed with which the Omicron variant can spread, it is better to retest these travellers. If any of them are found positive, their samples have to be sent for genome sequencing," said an expert from TAC.

Meanwhile the Central health ministry has also informed states about upping genome sequencing and continuous monitoring of hotspots, which are areas where clusters of positive cases have emerged.

"INSACOG has been established to monitor the circulating variants in the country. It is important at this juncture that states must significantly increase sampling from the general population/community for genome sequencing by sending these samples to INSACOG lab network...," Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan told the states.

A BBMP marshal creates awareness among shoppers on the need to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour near KR Market on Sunday | SHRIRAM B N

No access to public facilities sans 2 jabs soon?

TAC recommends measures to contain cases

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WHILE the Karnataka government has made it mandatory for employees of hotels, malls, government offices, swimming pools etc to have a double vax certificate, the Technical Advisory Committee has recommended making it mandatory for even the public.

Following the Gujarat model, the TAC has said the state needs to have a vaccine mandate for access to public facilities. "In Gujarat, for the first time in nearly four months, the daily Covid-19 count crossed the 40-mark in the second week of November, and no fatality was reported. As a precaution, Gujarat recently restricted unvaccinated people from using public facilities. All those above 18 years of age must carry a Covid-19 vaccination certificate or an e-copy, for checks at the entry to public facilities. We have to do a similar thing if we need to prevent illness and deaths," said an expert who was part of the recent TAC meeting.

With an increase in clusters and scare of the Omicron variant, it is wise to be "armed with both doses of vaccination" to at least prevent severity of the illness, say experts.

Dr Jagadish Hiremath, Chairman, Aasra Hospital, said, "Vaccine breakthrough cases are less severe compared to those who are not vaccinated. With just 57% of the state's population having received the second dose, the situation might take a worse direction if the new variant enters the state," he said. The coverage for the first dose is about 90%. Demand for vaccination is also slowing down. TAC experts said to contain the pandemic, the state government must strictly bring in the two-dose vaccination rule for use of public facilities.

NO ENTRY HERE WITHOUT VAX?
- Public buses, Metro
- Swimming pools
- Pubs and bars
- Hotels, lodges
- Cinema halls, auditoria
- Shopping complexes, malls
- Libraries
- Zoos and biological parks
- Exhibitions

COVID BYTES

RT-PCR report must for Maha, Kerala travellers

BENGALURU: The government has made it mandatory for people travelling from Maharashtra and Kerala to produce negative RT-PCR reports, not older than 72 hours. Students who have arrived from Kerala to study in Karnataka in the past 15 days (November 12 to November 27) will be subjected to RT-PCR test. Those who are to arrive will be subjected to RT-PCR test on the 7th day after arrival. "Whenever a cluster is reported, all those who test negative will be quarantined and undergo repeat RT-PCR on the seventh day. DCs of border districts— Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Mysuru— shall ensure that already established checkposts are active, and are taking up 100% screening of all arrivals from Kerala," the circular read. People visiting Karnataka every day for education, business and other reasons will have to undergo test once in 14 days.

Now, 'stomach flu' cases on the rise among kids

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WITH schools reopening and many children stepping out of their homes after several months, Bengaluru is seeing an outbreak of 'stomach flu', also known as viral gastroenteritis. Doctors TNIE spoke to say they are seeing at least 10 to 12 cases per day.

Stomach flu is a condition that affects the stomach and intestines. Symptoms can be mild or severe, and include stomach cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting. It is an infectious condition and can occur as a cluster outbreak in close communities. Dr Parimala V Thirumalesh, Professor & Senior Consultant, Neonatology & Paediatrics, Aster CMI Hospital says, "Stomach flu cases are on the rise. Many children are presenting with fever and vomiting, some have loose stools as well. They may or may not have an associated cold or cough," she said.

Every day, the doctor is treating at least 12 such patients with varying severity, in the common age group of 1-8 years. "A few of them are under one year, and very few are over 8 years old," explained Dr Parimala.

While stomach bugs are usually bacterial and are common during the monsoon, doctors believe the unprecedented rain which caused flooding could have triggered this. "Underground water supply lines and mixing of sewage and clean water can also cause this. For instance, there were outbreaks in some apartment societies in recent months, with many children suffering from the infection. Such outbreaks are common during the rainy months, with a daily average of 3-5 cases," said Dr Srikanth K P, Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterology, Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road.

Doctors explained that a majority recover uneventfully within three to five days, but few may take longer. Some require hospital admission, some have blood in their stools, while some may continue to have long-term problems like irritable bowel syndrome.

RESTRICTIONS FOR NEW YEAR, CHRISTMAS?

Continued from Page 1: "PM Modi has issued guidelines to prevent and control the new variant. Those arriving from countries that have reported the new strain are being compulsorily tested at airports and allowed in only if they are tested negative. Those who test positive are being shifted to designated hospitals," the CM added. The state has sent a proposal to the Centre to approve the booster dose for frontline workers in healthcare services, he said. Bommai said that the government will watch the Covid situation before announcing restrictions for New Year and Christmas celebrations. Asking people to take the second dose of Covid vaccination, he said that so far, 80 lakh doses have been administered in the state. Over 91 per cent of the population has been covered with the first dose and the government is aiming to achieve 70 per cent for the second dose by December-end, he added.

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IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

O.A. No. 1384/2018

BETWEEN: Andhra Bank (now Union Bank of India) Annapoorneswari Nagar Branch, Bangalore. Rep. by its Branch Manager
...APPLICANT
AND
1) Sri. Ganesh Enterprises, No. 16, Basement, Vallabhanagar, Doddakallasandra Post, Konanakunte Cross, Bangalore - 560 062.
Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Venkatesh S/o. Lakshmi Naik, R/at No. 25, Vittal Shetty Building, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru - 560 062. ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE RULES) 1993

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.11,61,543/-** together with current and future interest at 11.75% p.a. Compounded and other relieves. You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 17.01.2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 12th day of October 2021.

Registrar, I/c, Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

O.A. No. 1383/2018

BETWEEN: Andhra Bank (now Union Bank of India) Annapoorneswari Nagar Branch, Bangalore. Rep. by its Branch Manager
...APPLICANT
AND
M/s. Sri. Lakshmi Venkateswara Paper Plates, Located at No. 48, 1st Cross, Opposite to Rama Mandir, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 57.
Rep. by its Proprietor Mrs. T.A. Radha, W/o. Ganesh, R/at No. 203/4, "Shivasakthi Nilaya", 1st Main Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore-57. ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE RULES) 1993

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.10,15,520/-** together with current and future interest at 11.75% p.a. Compounded and other relieves. You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 13.01.2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

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PROPERTY

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East : Land of Siddalingappa, West : Land of Kenchappa and Dasappa, North : Land of Kenchappa, South : Road.

The above property from its owner and who are in possession i.e. **Sri. Chikkamuniyappa S/o Chikkanna** is R/at Kogilu Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bengaluru.

If any person / Institution / Bank having any right, title claim or Interest in the Schedule property or have any objection in any manner whatsoever regarding title or sale transaction in respect of the schedule property between my clients and its absolute owners are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims if any along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of Publication at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received within specified period. It would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the schedule property and no others have any right, title, claim or interest over the schedule property.

H.M. MADHUSUDHANA, Advocate
Sri. Manjunatha Law Chambers
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Branch : # 28, 2nd Floor, PLD Bank Complex, Taluk Office Circle, Doddaballapur - 561 203.
Mobile: 99864 13255

IN THE COURT OF THE SMALL CAUSES JUDGE (SCCH-21) AT BENGALURU
S.C No. 15155 / 2021

Between: M/s Wipro Enterprises (P) Ltd., ... Plaintiff
And: Mr. Sachin Athani ... Defendant

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

Mr. Sachin Athani, No. 4/1, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Kalyan Nagar, Near KVV School, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Moodalapalya Bengaluru-560072. **And also at:** Mr. Sachin Athani, Flat No.303, Osia Apartments, Ambika Nagar, Keshavapur, Hubli-580023.

The Plaintiff Company has filed the above suit for recovery of sum of Rs.1,90,333/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three only) with interest at 18% per annum from the date of suit till the date of realization.

The above suit now posted on **23-12-2021** for appearance at 11:00 a.m. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court either by person or through authorized advocate. In default of your appearance, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 25-11-2021 at Bengaluru.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Court of Small Causes, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8-(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 25.11.2021

Name of the Borrower & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical /constructive / Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Commercial street branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on 31.12.2021 , for recovery of **Rs. 844532/-** (Rupees Eight Lakhs forty four Thousand five Hundred and thirty two Only) as on 26.11.2021) due to the Indian Bank, Commercial street branch, Secured Creditor, from :**1.M/s Labbai garments**,prop.Mr Javed Pasha S/o Abdul Gaffar,No.14,old,New 26,Quadrant road, Shivajinagar,Bangalore 560001.New location:Labbai collections,No.167,Veerapillai street, Shivaji nagar, Bangalore 56001. **Mr. Javed Pasha** S/o Abdul Gaffar,No.14,old,New 26,Quadrant road, Shivaji nagar,Bangalore 560001. **2.Mrs Sameena Taj**,W/o Javed Pasha,10-3, BA, Achutharaya Mudaliar road,Frazer town,Bengalore 560056. **3.Mr,Suleman Barwaiya** S/o Rafique, no 36,8th cross,Hidayath nagar,K,G,Halli,Bengalore 560045.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

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Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	**Rs.18 lakhs**
EMD Amount	**Rs.1.80 lakh**
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Date ::27.11.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

Former chief minister and Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah alleged that the BJP is against decentralised administration and hence is planning to bring changes by expelling the gram sabhas which are key for selection of beneficiaries for various schemes

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Scams put BJP in a spot, keep Cong busy

The bitcoin scam, which had been creating ripples in political circles, has been overtaken by the 40 per cent graft scam exposed by contractors. This has kept the opposition Congress busy, which has been accusing CM Basavaraj Bommai's family of having its hand in the bitcoin jar, and has now taken up the graft issue with Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar demanding a probe. Former minister Priyank Kharge raked up the bitcoin issue too on Sunday afternoon, with a tongue-in-cheek tweet that the BJP's attitude is like "Maatu belli, mouna bangara" (speaking out is silver and silence is golden). "Is not it Sri @naleenkateel?" he took a swipe at the BJP state president. But the same Kharge, on Saturday, was thanking Housing Minister V Somanna after sharing the dais with him. "Grateful to Sri @VSOMANNA_BJP for addressing my concerns on housing projects in Chittapur. He was gracious enough to clear pending issues & assured more help to the constituency (Sic)", he tweeted.

Patil vs Patil: Bitter rift in Congress

Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council S R Patil, who missed the Vijayapura-Bagalkot Congress ticket to Sunilgouda Patil, younger brother of former minister M B Patil, was reportedly left in the lurch by his old mates, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and former DyCM Dr G Parameshwara. Confident that the party would not drop him, the senior Patil was chilling in Bengaluru when Sunilgouda Patil was lobbying hard for the ticket in New Delhi. During a consolation call of sorts, KPCC president D K Shivakumar spoke to him about the good of the party. But Patil is still bitter. "Siddaramaiah did not call me up or meet me, I don't know what important work stopped him from calling me up," he told the press with sarcasm. It seems the opposition leader in the Assembly is more powerful than the one in the Council.

Know-all media keeps argument going

Former sports minister and Congress leader Pramod Madhwaraj may not have once said he would be joining the BJP, but his remarks in favour of the government have charged up the media. No doubt, there now hangs a question mark over Madhwaraj, and visiting Congress leaders are sure to be questioned, ad nauseum, whether Madhwaraj is in or out of the GOP. This week, KPCC working president Druvanarayan was in Udupi to participate in a pre-poll meeting, when pop came the question. However, Druvanarayan argued that Madhwaraj had participated in a Congress membership drive in Bengaluru and led the bypoll campaign in Hanagal, even camping there for a fortnight. A journalist argued back that it could be a rift in the Udupi Congress that made Madhwaraj stay away from district programmes but participate in others.

To Avva, with love

CM Basavaraj Bommai who spoke emotionally of his mother Gangamma Somappa Bommai at a function recently, recalled how his family was typical of all political households: mothers ran the show and took care of the kids, while fathers were busy politicking. Bommai has also inherited his writing skill from his mother, herself a prolific Kannada writer. In her memory, he released a book with 'mother' as the theme to encourage budding writers, and next, it will be his own anthology of short stories titled 'Avva'.

Don't shift ISRO project from Bengaluru to Gujarat: DKS to PM

Says move a betrayal of people of K'taka; Urges CM to take MP delegation to Centre

Kannadigas are very emotional people and get attached to national programmes and feel proud when Karnataka hosts such programmes. Kannadigas are shocked and severely hurt....

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to drop the proposal to shift ISRO's Indian Human Space Flight programme from Bengaluru to Gujarat. Shivakumar has written separate letters to Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

"The Indian Human Space Flight programme was initiated by ISRO in 2007 to develop technology needed to launch a crew-based orbital spacecraft into low-earth orbit as part of its Gaganyaan project," Shivakumar said in his letter to Modi.

"The agency planned the first manned crew flight in 2003 on homegrown GSLV rocket. If completed on schedule, India will become the fourth nation to launch an independent space flight after the US, Soviet Union (Russia) and China. It is a prestigious and epoch-making project. People of Karnataka are proud of this institution because it is located in Bengaluru," he added.

In his letter to Bommai, he said, "Kannadigas are basically emotional people and get attached to national programmes and feel proud when Karnataka hosts such programmes. Kannadigas are shocked and severely hurt to know that there are plans to shift this prestigious programme to Gujarat. If it happens, the Kannadigas will feel that the Centre is ignoring, betraying and giving scant respect to the feelings of the people of Karnataka. There is outrage over stepmotherly treatment being meted out to Karnataka by the Centre in several spheres. The move will cause adverse effects on consolidation of the federal system in the nation."

He urged Bommai to take a delegation of Karnataka MPs to the Centre. "Use your good office to explain the above to the PM and ensure that the self-respect of Kannadigas is upheld," he urged Bommai.

Agenda for B'luru devpt on cards: CM

BENGALURU: The State government is likely to come out with a clear agenda for the planned development of Bengaluru, as prominent entrepreneurs are keen to play a role. "Some prominent entrepreneurs have invited me for a preliminary discussion on plans for economic growth and development of Bengaluru and Karnataka. It is part of a series of such discussions, and the first in that series," CM Basavaraj Bommai said on the sidelines of 'Bengaluru Agenda' hosted by Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. "More comprehensive discussions will follow after today's meeting. The discussions would involve prominent personalities from various domains. The agenda to be evolved for the city's planned growth would be discussed and finalised in the state legislature."

Nirani will become CM soon, says Eshwarappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bilagi, Bengaluru

RURAL Development and Pachayat Raj Minister KS Eshwrappa on Sunday said that Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani will soon become a chief minister.

Eshwarappa's "prediction" at Bilagi, Nirani's Assembly constituency, was received by a thunderous applause. Addressing a meeting of BJP functionaries organised by the BJP's backward classes wing from Bagalkot and Vijayapura, he said, "But I don't know when it will happen. Nirani has the capacity to become the Chief Minister and he can strive for the welfare of backward communities, poor, downtrodden and all other sections."

Ironically, Eshwarappa is among senior leaders of the BJP in the state whose name was said to be considered for the post after BS Yediyurappa decided to resign in July.

Seeking to allay any misconceptions, Eshwarappa, in a lighter vein, said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will not be removed. Nirani will become a chief minister when he gets a chance. he added

Eshwarappa asked Nirani, who was on the dais, whether he would render justice to backward communities. For this, Nirani stood up and smiled with thumbs up.

'Ramesh Jarkiholi will never betray BJP'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

RUBBISHING murmurs that all's not well within the Belagavi BJP, RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa said that former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi will never betray the saffron party. This comes at a time when Lakhan Jarkiholi, the youngest of the Jarkiholi brothers, is fighting the December 10 MLC polls as an independent from dual-member Belagavi local bodies' constituency

"Ramesh will not betray the BJP. He has clarified that his first priority vote will be for the BJP and the second for his brother Lakhan," Eshwarappa told reporters here.

He was reacting to Congress MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar's statement that Ramesh was betraying the BJP now, just as he had backstabbed the Congress in the past.

He also hit out at the Congress saying that the party was encouraging dynastic politics. "We have fielded experienced candidates. Congress had to search for candidates. They have given tickets to candidates who have huge money. They even did not field Opposition leader SR Patil," he added.

He further said that a convention of leaders from 10 backward classes from all the assembly constituencies of the state will be held at Palace Ground's in Bengaluru on December 12.

PANDEMIC SHADOW

OMICRON SCARE LOOMS OVER WINTER SESSION

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE scare of the new Covid-19 variant Omicron has cast a shadow over the legislature session that was scheduled to be held in Belagavi from December 13 to 24. It will be known in a day or two whether the government will go ahead with its earlier decision or change the schedule, government sources said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is likely to take a decision based on the recommendations of Covid Technical Advisory Committee, which is meeting him sometime this week, the sources said.

Even if it is postponed, the winter session has to be held in the immediate future as the legislature has to pass some important bills, especially those concerning finance.

As the State Government has issued fresh guidelines, especially in districts sharing borders with other states, the administration in Belagavi has stepped up vigil in areas close to the Maharashtra border.

Preparations for the session, however, were already underway and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Principal Secretary LK Atheek was overseeing the arrangements.

The session could still be held in Belagavi after a gap of three years if there is no spike in Covid cases, the sources said.

The 10-day winter session of the legislature is scheduled to be held in Belagavi's Suvarna Vidhana Soudha from December 13 | EXPRESS

5 panels to suggest steps to reduce session spend

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

AHEAD of the 10-day winter Legislature session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi from December 13, the Belagavi district administration is adopting austerity measures to reduce unnecessary expenditure.

The administration has also formed five committees with senior officials to draw up plans to avoid excessive spending. The decision is because legislature sessions held earlier in Belagavi had run up huge bills. The committees are expected to submit the reports to the deputy commissioner.

The committees are also entrusted with the task of addressing shortcomings in learning lessons from previous sessions.

For the 10-day winter Legislature session held in December 2018 in Belagavi, the government had spent a whopping Rs 13.85 crore, the reply to an RTI query had revealed. Each legislator was paid Rs 2,500 daily travel allowance, though Suvarna Vidhana Soudha is located just 8km away from Belagavi. Rs 4.42 crore was spent on hotel bills of legislators, VIPs and officials accommodated in 67 posh hotels located in and around the city.

Almost all hotels, lodges, resorts and guesthouses in and around Belagavi were occupied during the 10-day session.

Apart from 224 MLAs and 75 MLCs, more than 1,200 officials from various departments, media persons, drivers, gunmen and other subsidiary staff are part of the session.

Constructed at a cost of Rs 400 crore, the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi was inaugurated in 2012.

BJP TRIES HARD TO RETAIN MAJORITY IN UPPER HOUSE

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

THE ruling BJP, with its strategy of contesting from selective constituencies in the Legislative Council polls, aims to retain the majority in the Upper House.

Party sources indicated that allowing Lakhan Jarkiholi, younger brother of Ramesh and Balachandra, to contest as an independent from the Belagavi dual-seat constituency too is part of a larger strategy. The party is certain of its official candidate Mahantesh Kavatagimath's victory, and if Lakhan wins, it will be a bonus, the sources said.

BJP on Saturday managed to get Kolar District Congress Committee president Chandra Reddy on its side. On Sunday, former minister Varthur Prakash met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, giving a boost to the chances of party candidate Dr KN Venugopal.

Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and his son BY Vijayendra too have drawn up a plan to ensure the victory of their loyalists in a few select seats, including Mandya and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar. Former chief minister Jagadish Shettar's brother Pradeep Shettar from Dharwad is said to be placed in a favourable position.

Congress is working hard to retain its 14 seats from among the 25 that are going to the polls. JDS is keen to keep its four seats, while BJP which has six seats wants to increase its tally. The 75-member Upper House has 32 MLCs from BJP, 29 from Congress, 13 from JDS and one independent.

"We will win two-thirds of the 20 seats we are contesting and we will retain the majority in Council," Bommai said.

Under normal circumstances, the ruling party has an advantage in any election. "This is because funding is not a problem and it plays a crucial role. While BJP has been focusing on the merit of its candidates, Congress and JDS have given tickets to relatives or close associates of their leaders," remarked a leader.

Sources indicated many contestants in this election, who are money bags, are spending higher volumes of cash which is a matter of concern for those who are campaigning with only the identity of their parties and the good work done.

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Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Candidates seek help of unhappy JDS netas

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

WITH the stage set for a triangular fight in the December 10 Legislative Council poll for the dual-member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar seat from local authorities' constituencies, candidates of the Big 3 — JDS, Congress and BJP — are knocking on the doors of disgruntled JDS leaders MLA GT Devegowda and MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, seeking their support. They are also calling on religious leaders of mutts in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar to garner support. While the BJP has fielded R Raghu, the Congress has fielded Dr Thimmaiah. JDS, which considers Mysuru-Chamarajanagar its stronghold, has fielded Manje Gowda.

Manje Gowda was the first one to call on MLA GT Devegowda, who defeated Siddaramaiah from Chamundeshwari in 2018, and has a considerable influence over his constituency and Hunsur, which he had represented in the past.

All's not well between Devegowda and the JDS leadership, with the former publicly criticising the party for sidelining him. On his part, JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy, too, had said it was up to Devegowda to remain in the party or quit. Devegowda had shared the stage with Siddaramaiah at a recent function, fuelling murmurs that he was joining Congress.

Congress MLC poll candidate Dr Thimmaiah greets Suttur seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Congress candidate Thimmaiah has been campaigning along with H C Mahadevappa, R Dhruvanarayana and others, and has also approached Devegowda and his supporters. Sources claim that Devegowda's supporters will back Thimmaiah as the disgruntled MLA has stayed away from JDS activities for the past two years. Thimmaiah's supporters are also prevailing upon him to meet Sandesh Nagaraj, as every vote counts. Also, candidates are eyeing second preference votes from rival parties, knowing that it would give them an edge.

Raghu, who is also chairman of the D Devaraj Urs Development Corporation, has already called on Sandesh Nagaraj along with district minister ST Somashekar and others. Nagaraj, who had made public his intentions of quitting the JDS, tried his best to get a BJP ticket. However, the party fielded Raghu. Nagaraj later said he will not contest the MLC polls. He has reportedly assured the BJP of his support as his brother and son are both in BJP.

Manje Gowda, a Congressman who joined JDS to contest the MLC polls, is banking on his connections in his former party and charisma of Kumaraswamy to win. Manje Gowda had served as a panchayat member and hopes that Vokkaligas will rally behind him as he is the only candidate here from the community.

BJP and JDS say the tone of the election will change if both parties enter into a strategic understanding. This comes at a time when BJP leader BS Yediyurappa has publicly sought JDS support in constituencies it is not contesting from. However, things may change with heavyweights like Yediyurappa, Kumaraswamy and Siddaramaiah joining the campaign.

A 26-year-old biker was killed on the spot after a speeding KSRTC bus crashed into his bike at Kodigehalli junction near Byatarayanapura on Sunday morning

Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa come under heavy rain

With a majority of water bodies full to the brim the administration sounds alert in downstream areas of all the projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirupati/Kadapa

PARTS of Nellore, Chittoor and Kadapa have been receiving incessant rains since Saturday late night putting the district administrations on an alert. With heavy rains predicted, the Kadapa district administration had announced holiday for schools on Monday and also the degree second semester examinations scheduled for Monday.

With majority of the water bodies full to the brim due to the recent downpour leading to breaching of minor irrigation projects at some places, the administration sounded an alert in the downstream areas of all the projects and asked people residing in low-lying areas to shift to safer places.

Nellore district witnessed heavy rainfall since Saturday evening and the intensity increased gradually by Sunday night. Heavy rains lashed the city and parts of the district and Butchireddypalem and Atmakuru areas received the highest rainfall of 14 cm and 10 cm respectively in the past 24 hours. Nellore, Kodavaluru, Naidupet and Vidavaluru mandals received around 10-11 cm of rainfall while Kovur and Sangam mandals received 9 cm rain. An average 6 cm rainfall was registered in the entire district.

With the heavy downpour since Saturday night, residents of many low-lying areas close to the city such as Janardhan Reddy Colony and Bhagat Singh Colony have been inundated with water. Colonies located on the outskirts of Atmakuru have been flooded with rainwater. Soil erosion in Janardhan Reddy and Bhagat Singh colonies close to Nellore city is on the rise due to floating of river Penna. The colonies located on the banks of river Penna are under the threat of inundation.

Somasila project has been receiving 45,176 cusecs of water and officials are releasing 45,255 cusecs water. Observing the flood situation from upper catchment areas, officials are getting ready to discharge around 1 lakh cusecs of water.

A six-decade-old building collapsed on Saturday night at Bhavani Nagar in Tirupati

CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS SWEPT AWAY IN FLOOD

Kadapa: Cheyyeru floods have cast doubts over the future of an upcoming national-level boxer M Vamsi Krishna. A native of Mandapalle in Krishna district, he lost his certificates in the flood. He was hoping to get a government job in sports quota, but now all those hopes have been dashed. Vamsi urges the government to help. It is not just Vamsi, but several people in the villages under the Annamayya project along Cheyyeru river. Several lost their valuable certificates and documents including Aadhar, land patta, pattadar pass books, school and college certificates, bank passbooks. Now they are staring at a bleak future and seek government aid in resolving their crisis.

Sewage-mixed rainwater enters our homes, making it impossible for us to live. We have sent an one-month-old baby and her mother to another place so they can escape this mess. Some of us on the ground floor have shifted to our neighbours' homes in higher floors

MM Karthick from Semmancheri

Residents being rescued by fire personnel at Mudichur, in Chennai on Sunday | EXPRESS

Rain wreaks havoc in southern suburbs

VAITHEESWARAN B @Chennai

THE heavy downpour in the city left the roads and houses of Semmancheri, Perumbakkam and surrounding areas flooded on Sunday.

Rainwater inundated Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) in the Semmancheri- Karambakkam-Sholinganallur stretch and waterlogging was witnessed in the service roads and bylanes. Most of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board tenements in Semmancheri were waterlogged as residents worried about the sewage-mixed rainwater leading to mosquito menace and spread of diseases.

"Snakes and other venomous reptiles enter our homes, putting our lives in danger," said MM Karthick from Semmancheri. "Sewage-mixed rainwater enters our homes, making it impossible for us to live. We have sent an one-month-old baby and her mother to another place so they can escape this mess. Some of us on the ground floor have shifted to our neighbours' homes in higher floors. We find it extremely difficult to get drinking water and food. The price of all essentials like bread and vegetables have shot up here."

Tamil Selvan, a resident of fourth street at TNSCB tenements said, "We have safeguarded our electronic appliances and utensils. We were affected by the tsunami, then by floods in 2015, 2020 and now," he said.

Charges filed in Mysuru gangrape case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

MONTHS after the gang rape incident and an armed robbery case in which a man was shot dead, the city police have now filed a chargesheet in both the cases. DGP Praveen Sood and city police commissioner Dr Chandragupta had assured speedy submission of chargesheet in both the cases after both the crimes had garnered national attention. The police have now submitted a 1,499-page chargesheet in the gang-rape case at the Third JMFC Court while 1,410-page chargesheet in the armed robbery incident.

In the gang rape case, the police have booked six persons under IPC sections 397, 376 b, 109, 120 b, 334, 325, 326 while in the armed robbery case where a bystander was killed outside a jewellery shop in Vidyaranyapuram, the police have booked the accused under IPC sections 397, 376 b, 109, 120 b, 334, 325 and 326 in Second JMFC Court. While seven accused have been arrested in the case, one more accused is still at large.

EXPRESS READ

Cops summon actor in 'Me Too' case

Bengaluru: Cubbon Park police have issued a notice to actor Shruthi Hariharan, who had accused actor Arjun Sarja of sexual harassment. The police had filed a case against Sarja in October 2018. "After the prob, we found no evidence about her accusation against Sarja. We informed the complainant to appear before the investigation officer as we have decided to file a B report," an officer said. But Shruthi said, "I am told that the police are going to file a B report. I've not received any notice."

Nirmithi Kendra ex-chief arrested after raid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CONTINUING the investigation into the disproportionate assets case, where 15 government officials were raided, sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Bureau have arrested the former Project Director of Nirmithi Kendra, Vasudev RN, as he was not cooperating with the probe and was unwilling to divulge information. So far, assets of over Rs 29.70 crore have been unearthed, which is disproportionate by 1,434 per cent to his known sources of income. The ACB said the raid was initiated against the officer, following the lead that he has disproportionate assets 203 per cent more than his income. But Wednesday's search and seizure operation exposed that the officer has wealth worth Rs 31,20,39,868, of which Rs 29,70,39,868 is the value of illegal assets. The ACB has found that Vasudev has immovable properties worth Rs 27,33,29,960 in his and his family members' names and movable assets worth Rs 3,87,09,908. "Besides the house where he lives in Kengeri Satellite Town, five other residences - two in the same area, one in Malleswaram, and two at Sompura in Nelamangala - have been found in his, his wife, and son's names. These five structures have been built to be rented out and they own 28 houses in total. Two other houses in his wife's name and a flat in Hosakerehalli were also found, while the investigation revealed that he had paid Rs 2.46 crore as advance to buy a flat in Bengaluru's Binnypet," an ACB official said.

Holistic approach needed to treat anaemia: Docs

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ANAEMIA among women can result in maternal mortality, weakness, diminished physical and mental capacity, increased morbidity from infectious diseases, perinatal mortality, premature delivery, low birth weight and in children it can cause impaired cognitive performance, motor development and scholastic achievement, says NFHS.

While iron deficiency is estimated to be responsible for about half of all anaemia cases globally, it can also be caused by malaria, hookworms and other helminths, other nutritional deficiencies, chronic infections and genetic conditions, the report states.

"We should not follow a single iron deficiency approach and look at nutrition, infection, sanitation, education, hygiene and poverty. It has to be a holistic multi-pronged approach," said Dr Hema Diwakar, Medical Director, Diwakar Speciality Hospital, Bengaluru and Chair, Well Women HealthCare at the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO).

The government that was until recently focusing on a single-pronged approach by giving iron and folic acid tablets changed its strategy to a more holistic approach with six interventions under the Anaemia Mukt Bharat initiative, she said.

Explaining its serious consequences, Dr Karpagam said that nutritional anaemia is the biggest cause of postpartum haemorrhage (excessive bleeding occurring within 24 hours of delivery of a baby) and postpartum haemorrhage is the biggest cause of maternal deaths. "It is a preventable cause," she added. A senior State Health Department official said several programmes are being taken up to improve the health of the population and the programmes are monitored closely. "We are moving slowly, but we are definitely moving forward," said Dr Hema Diwakar.

The NFHS-5 report also showed that obesity has gone up among urban women from 23.3 per cent to 37.1 per cent and interestingly, obesity among rural men has gone up from 22.1 to 25 per cent.

Missing person complaint could be key: police official

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FROM the recovered, blood-stained trousers, they could make out that it is a light-coloured fabric. The traffic police could only identify it as the body of a male from a single ear that was pierced. The video footage of the police removing pieces of skin stuck to the road went viral on social media.

The police, who have the onerous task of identifying the victim, are planning to look for missing person complaints at police stations in villages near the accident spot. But no such reports had been traced till late Sunday night. The police have registered a hit-and-run case. The police estimated that the accident could have occurred between 3 am and 4 am. They presumed that the victim was a pedestrian trying to cross the road when he was hit by a speeding unidentified vehicle. The heavy flow of traffic on the road, which includes heavy vehicles, led to the victim's body being run over by several motorists. "Also, drivers did not stop, probably fearing that they would be held responsible for knocking him down," a police officer said. The police blocked the highway for some time on Sunday morning to remove the evidence and send it for medical examination.

IN THE COURT OF XIXth ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE CRL.Misc. 1781 of 2020

Between : **1) Sri. Deepak Mayasandra Raja Rao** Aged about 39 years, S/o. Late M.C. Raja Rao, **2) Sri.M.R. Rajesh** Aged about 43 years, S/o. Late M.C. Raja Rao, **3) Smt. V.Gowramma** Aged about 73 years, W/o. Late M.C. Raja Rao, All are residing at R/at No.44, 2nd Cross, Anugraha Layout, D.C.Halli, Bannerghata Road, Bangalore-560076 ...Petitioners

--V/s--

1. The Commissioner Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. 2. The Registrar Birth and Death Registration, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner above named has instituted proceedings under section 13(3) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 and the rules thereof to seek appropriate directions to the Respondent to register the event of Death of the father of Petitioner No.1 and 2 and husband of Petitioner No.3 one **Late Sri. M.C. Raja Rao (Male) Hindu, S/o. Late Chaudappa.M.N who died on 17-05-2007** at the Petitioner's residence at No.44, 2nd cross, Anugraha Layout, D.C.Halli , Bannerghata Road, Bangalore-560076. That any persons, members of the public having any say, information, objections regarding this matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court **on 28.12.2021 at 11.A.M** either in person or through a duly appointed advocate and put forth the same. If no objections are received despite this Public Notice, the Hon'ble Magistrate/Court shall proceed to hold enquiry and pass appropriate Orders on the petition in accordance with the law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 26th day of November 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHIRASTEDAR,
XIXth A.C.M.M Court, BENGALURU

Advocate for Petitioners
H.K. SHOBHA
No. 39/2, ASVNV Bhavan, Chamber No. 24, Mezzanine Floor, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560009

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

O.A. No. 1180/2017

BETWEEN: Union Bank of India (formerly Andhra Bank), Nagarbhavi Branch, Bangalore. Rep. by it's Branch Manager, 19/6, Ring Road, Papareddypalya, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 072. ...PLAINTIFF

AND

1) Amaresh Balakrishna, S/o. Balakrishna,
2) Lakshmi J.S., W/o. Amaresh Balakrishna,
Both are Residing at No. 21, 1st Floor, Skanda Nilaya, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Sumukha Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore - 61.
3) Allahabad Bank, Nagarbhavi Branch, Bangalore. Rep. by its Branch Manager, 702/C, Ganesh Plaza, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, 11th Block, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072.
4) M/s. Sanjana Build Tech Private Ltd., Rep. by its Managing Director V. Subramani, 1616(84) 8th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011. ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT No. 4 UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.89,71,607/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Seventy One Thousand and Six hundred and Seven only)** together with current and future interest at 10% p.a. Compounded and other relieves. You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 07.01.2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 4th day of October 2021.

Registrar, I/c, Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **MOHAMMED KASIM** S/o Late Gouse Mohiddin Sab, R/o 8th Cross, Hassan Road, Arasikere Town, Hassan District do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from **GHOUSE MOHIDIN** to **GHOUSE MOHIDDIN SAB,** hereafter he shall be known and called as **GHOUSE MOHIDDIN SAB** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4-11-2021, sworn before Notary **H.S. Geetha** at Arsikere, Hassan.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KUMMARAGUNTA VENKATA SURESH BABU** (New Name), Residing at Flat 304, Arkashine,ITPL Main road, Behind HP petrol bunk, Kundalahalli, Brooke field, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka state, that I have changed my name from **VENKATA SURESH BABU K** (Old Name) to **KUMMARAGUNTA VENKATA SURESH BABU** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **KUMMARAGUNTA VENKATA SURESH BABU** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 27/11/2021 before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N.** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PUSHKAR R SHANKAR,** S/o Sri B V Ravi Shankar, age 19 years, R/at No. 4/1, 1st Cross, III Main Road, Near Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank, Hanumantha Nagar, Bengaluru-560 019 do hereby declare that both the names of my father i.e. **B.V. RAVI SHANKAR** and **RAVI SHANKARA** are one and the same and belongs to my father only, henceforth I would continue the name of my father as **B.V. RAVI SHANKAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th Nov. 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Dr. NAGESH .R,** S/o R. Rangappa, age 47 years, R/at No. 289, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Near M.S. Ramaiah City, Nrupathunga Nagar, 7th Phase, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-76 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ADHYA N.** to **YASH N.,** henceforth my son's name will be known and called as **YASH .N** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-11-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.V. BACHI REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANISH,** S/o Late Babu Lal, No. 7/1, 1st Cross, S.V. Lane, Mamulpet Cross, Bengaluru South, Chickpet, Bangalore-560053, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANGILAL S/o BABULAL, MANGILAL JAIN S/o BABULAL JAIN, MANGILAL** to **MANISH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANISH S/o BABU LAL JAIN** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1st Nov., 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FURHANA BEGUM** W/o Mohamed Hussain, R/at No. 51/1-16, 4th Cross, SRK Garden Main Road, Tilak Nagar, B'luru - 560 041, have changed my name to **FARHANA BEGUM,** vide affidavit dated 27.11.2021 before Notary Ziaulla, B'luru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **KUMMARAGUNTA VENKATA SURESH BABU** and **LALITA KUMMARAGUNTA,** both are Residing at FLAT NO. 304, ARKA SHINE, BEHIND HP PETROL BUNK, ITPL MAIN ROAD, BROOKEFIELD, KUNDALAHALLI, BENGALURU-560037, declare that we have changed the name of our Minor Son from **Mr. RITHVIK** (Old Name) to **Mr. RITHVIK KUMMARAGUNTA** (New Name), henceforth my Son shall be known and called as **Mr. RITHVIK KUMMARAGUNTA** (New Name)only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 27/11/2021 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SAVITHA .M.K.** Aged about 45 years, W/o. Shivalingaiah .M.C, residing at # 1633, 6th 'A' Main, 5th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560104 have declared that the names **SAVITHA .M.S. and SAVITHA .M.K.** belongs to me only, and both names belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 12-04-2021 sworn before notary M.K. DEVAKI, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client **Sri. B. K. SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE,** has entered into an AGREEMENT FOR SALE with **Smt. MEENAL KEMBHAVI,** W/o. Late Vijay Kumar Kembhavi, to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder.

Any person/s having any right in or title to or claim against the Schedule Property or having any objection of whatsoever nature for the proposed sale transaction may within **10 (Ten) days** hereof lodge with the under signed his/her claim in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title interest or claim or objection. If no such claim or objection is received within the above said period, it will be presumed that, no person has any such claim or objection & my clients will proceed with the said transaction.

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the vacant, immovable, residential property bearing Site No.1360, in the layout known as "BEML 5th Stage", formed by The BEML Employees' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Bangalore, in Sy.Nos.91/2, 99/1, 99/2, 99/3, 101/2, 140, 141,142, 173, 174, 175, 178, 180, 181, 182, 184, 188, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 207, 208, 210, 211, 217/1B, 217/2, 218/1, 218/2, 219, 220, 223/1, 223/2, 223/3, 224/1, 224/2, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229/1, 229/2, 230 & 241 of Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with the permission of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Bangalore, vide its Letter No. BDA/TPM/DDW/288/92-93, measuring East to West: 40.0 Feet and North to South: 60.0 Feet, to tally measuring 2400 Square Feet, presently comes under the limits and jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.160, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Zone, Bangalore, assigned with BBMP Katha No. 3490/3413/1360/3457, bounded on:

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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	All that piece and parcel of residential propery belonging to Mr Mohd Khutubddin S/o Mohammed Azeemuddin ,No 20,New 25,PID NO 79-112-25, Slaughter house road,E Street ,Thimmaiah road, Shivajinagar,Bangalore, 51, measuring 362.50 sqft and bounded by East by: conservancy lane. West by E street slaughter house road, North by : Private Property no 26,South by:Remaining portion os same property no 25
Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	**Rs.40 lakhs**
EMD Amount	**Rs. 4.0 lakhs**
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	31.12.2021 (10.00 AM to 1.00 PM)
Property ID No	IDIB6718562655

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com**

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

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Place : Bangalore

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **New Municipal No.21/4, PID No.8-67-21/4, BDA Site No.652/I,** measuring East to West 48+52/2 feet and North to South 24½ + 26/2 feet, situated at 1st Main Road, "D" Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage Extension, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore BBMP Ward No.76 of Gayathrinagar, Bangalore and bounded on the:

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West by :80 feet Road,
North by :Site No.652/H,
South by :Site No.652/J.

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Place :Bangalore Date: 29-11-2021

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The reserve price will be **for Property 1 : Rs.1,10,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Only) **and Property 2 : Rs.1,62,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lacs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **for Property 1 :Rs.11,00,000/-** (Rupees Eleven Lacs Only) and **for Property 2: Rs.16,20,000/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Twenty Thousand Only)The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **28/12/2021 at 4 pm.**

Details and full description of the immovable property

Property No. 1: All that piece and parcel of Property Land and Building Bearing No. 61, 7th Cross, Kundalahalli Colony, ITPL Main Road, Brookfield, Bangalore - 560 037 in the name of Sri Pradeep Naidu S/o. Lakshmipathi Naidu, East by : Site No.60, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 37, South by : Road.

Property No. 2 : All the piece and parcel of Property Land and Building Bering No. 50, "Friends Layout" Doddanekkundi Ext. ITPL Bypass Road, Near EKYA School, Bangalore - 560 037 in the name of Sri Pradeep Naidu S/o. Lakshmipathi Naidu. East by : House No. 41,West by :Road, North by: Private Proeprty, South by :House Site No. 49.

For EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favoring, Authorized Officer Canara Bank, Marathahalli Branch payable at Bengaluru, or shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of account of Canara Bank RO East, **A/c no. 7949295000001 (IFSC: CNRB0007949)** on or **before 5.00 P.M. of 28.12.2021.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or may contact Manager, Marathahalli Branch, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25400379 and Mobile number: 9483520768 during office hours on any working day.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 26.11.2021

EDITORIAL

> "Our (US) government has failed to denounce atrocities ... while at the same time bending over backwards to placate the West Pakistan-dominated government and to lessen deservedly negative international public relations impact against them. Our government has evidenced what many will consider moral bankruptcy"
>
> Archer Blood, 6 April 1971

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— Ramnath Goenka

GST NEEDS A BOOSTER SHOT, BUT WILL BE TOUGH SELL FOR GOVT

The GST needs a major overhaul in its rate structure—a tough political call that the government needs to take sooner rather than later. This despite the tremendous improvement in GST collections witnessed since the last financial year. The need to overhaul the GST rate structure stems from the fact that the revenue neutral rate as calculated by the 15th Finance Commission was supposed to be 15.6% but the actual average rate is 11.8%. The Finance Commission has also noted that GST has the potential to generate revenue at 7.1% of GDP, but is actually generating only around 5% of GDP. This necessarily means that the states and the Central government are losing around ₹4 lakh crore of revenue at the current level of GDP.

This 'leakage' of revenue needs to be fixed, and so the Central government and the GST Council have gone into a huddle to discuss the issue, again. A Group of Ministers (GoM) under the aegis of the GST Council is deliberating on a major rate revision. Assisting the GoM is the Fitment Committee of the GST Council. Apart from increasing the GST rates on many goods and services, the GoM would also be deliberating on changes in the current GST slab—5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. And as the information is getting filtered out, some media reports have suggested that the Fitment Committee has proposed increasing some of the slab rates by 200 basis points—for example the 5% slab should be hiked to 7% and the 18% slab to 20%.

Another report suggests that the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) has proposed a three-slab structure—8%, 15% and 30%—instead of the existing four. Also, the NIPFP, in a report, has said that the merger of 12% and 18% slabs to any slab lower than 18% would lead to revenue loss. Going by the tone and tenor of the current discussions and reports coming out in the media, it is clear that indirect taxes on goods and services would go up significantly, and it is no longer a question of if but when. The decision to increase the GST rates would come at a political cost, mostly to the party that has a government at the Centre. It is to be seen how soon the government is ready to bite the bullet.

OMICRON PUTS FRESH STRESS ON ELITE SPORT

Over the last few weeks, the world of sport has faced a renewed threat from Covid. As it enters a new phase in Europe, unvaccinated players (Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich have had two positive tests), a fourth wave that threatens to bar fans from stadia and the emergence of a new variant, Omicron, could all yet contribute to put sport under duress again. South Africa is feeling the brunt of the new variant. The International Hockey Federation has had to postpone the women's junior World Cup. The International Cricket Council cancelled the women's World Cup qualifier in Zimbabwe. The upcoming full-fledged India tour of South Africa in cricket could be in jeopardy as scientists race against time to unearth more information. With the variant already in Europe, the hugely popular December football matches there could face the axe. Even otherwise, fans, who had just started filling the stands, may be asked to stay home. Financial losses ran into billions in the 2019-2020 and 2020-21 football seasons in Europe. According to reports, UEFA had said their top clubs were expected to lose more than $10 billion due to Covid, with around $4.5 billion due to lack of ticket sales. This would in turn impact the transfer market with clubs spending less on buying players. Other events could be affected.

China hosts the Winter Olympics in a few months and it needs to be seen how it tackles this. Will it insist on putting all athletes in hard two-week quarantine or demand all of them be given booster doses before allowing them to enter the country? The focus is again on the refusal of players to take the vaccine. The Bundesliga in Germany has already started docking salaries of unvaccinated players. Australia too is in the news. The country that has endured one of the world's harshest lockdowns will play host to 2021's first Grand Slam and has said no unvaccinated player would be allowed to enter it.

With uncertainty over events and various restrictions in place in different countries, athletes once again would have to endure the predicament of cancellations and rescheduling of events. This could also add to the mental stress on players. One hopes the new variant doesn't turn into another nightmare.

One of the primary reasons for the quick and resounding Indian victory was the sound articulation of political objectives from which the military aims were extracted

1971 WAR AGAINST PAK: THE MAKING OF INDIAN VICTORY

AMIT BANDRE

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

As we approach the 50th anniversary of Pakistan's abject surrender to the Indian Army on 16 December 1971, it makes for an emotive moment in the history of modern India. Much of India does not have any idea about what went into the making of that victory. I write this at a time when the high mark of history is being celebrated and should therefore help in spurring inquisitiveness about the historic event among more people in South Asia.

In March 1971, two events caused a crisis in Pakistan, in its east wing to be precise. First, a massive cyclonic storm, Bhola, in November 1970 in the Bay of Bengal had ravaged East Pakistan killing half a million people. The Pakistan government's response was so tardy, insufficient and insensitive that it hugely irked the already seething Bengalis. They had their differences with the Urdu-speaking West Pakistanis, who did not appreciate the sentiment of Bengali sub-nationalism; the latter was based upon culture and not faith. This was followed by a general election that resulted in East Pakistan's Awami League led by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman romping home to claim the right to form the Pakistan government. Neither Zulfiqar Bhutto (a distant second) nor Yahya Khan, the debauched Army chief and President, could imagine a Pakistan ruled by a Bengali leader. Twenty-four years of built-up emotions and it all came tumbling down as events cascaded out of control, leading to a standoff between the Pakistan Army and the Bengali intellectuals. The Pakistan Army proved its incapability to think strategically, obsessed by its under-assessment of the Indian Armed Forces and the strategic outlook of the Indian leadership.

When the near genocide by the Pakistan Army began in late March 1971, it was virtually a point of no return. Pakistan relied on the countervailing capability of China and the US for whom it had acted as the point of contact for the furtherance of their relationship. It was the Soviet Union whose steadfast support to India gave our leadership the flexibility to deal with the situation. Later the Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation helped stave off the Chinese threat and limited the US effort to coerce India through the movement of the Seventh Fleet and the *USS Enterprise* into the Bay of Bengal.

General (later Field Marshal) Sam Manekshaw's strategic military advice to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, now made a subject of unnecessary controversy by seasoned Indian diplomat Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, was both pragmatic and practical. Manekshaw advised that India must delay going to war with Pakistan because April-July was not the most advantageous season. The Chinese could intervene along the northern borders and assist Pakistan. The standing crop in Punjab and Rajasthan would be completely destroyed by tanks as tactical battles would take place leading to a food crisis. In addition Manekshaw felt that he needed time to get the logistics into place for the thrusts he planned if we were to go on the offensive and also make up for the serious deficiencies in equipment and ammunition. It does appear trivial on the part of some political and bureaucratic personalities to claim that Manekshaw's advice was later a wonderfully told tale due to his skills as a raconteur. Without labouring on this point, one would always humbly ask whether anyone other than the Army chief could have given genuine advice based upon the true picture of force levels, equipment profile and logistics. That the final decision to delay the operations and await better preparedness was taken by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi can never be in doubt but neither can the attribution for the advice be taken away from Manekshaw.

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It is little known that Islamabad's original strategy to offset the Indian Army's plans for a swift offensive into East Pakistan was based on a very basic premise: "the defence of East Pakistan lies in West Pakistan". The prominent Pakistani analyst and author Lt Gen Atiqur Rehman notes that if this were the strategy, more forces should not have been sent to East Pakistan and India should have been engaged in the west, forcing it to hold back operations in the east. However, it needs to be remembered that the build-up to the war was not sudden but progressive. It was not easy for Islamabad to leave its east wing undefended while the preparations were on, awaiting a major offensive by the Pakistan Army from the west. During the war itself no concentrated effort towards deep thrust into the Indian heartland materialised; perhaps Pakistan felt defeated right at the outset of the war. The Indian Navy's sea forays to blockade Karachi had a psychological effect leading to a hemmed-in Pakistani mindset. The Indian Air Force's capability to rule the skies in the east and contain the threat from the Pakistan Air Force in the west provided the flexibility to the ground forces to plan and execute their operations with reasonable impunity.

One of the primary reasons for the quick and resounding Indian victory was the sound articulation of political objectives from which the military aims were extracted. Usually this is one of the most challenging tasks before the highest levels of strategic and operational staff. The politico-military objective that emerged as the main term of reference was the time factor; it had to be the least to prevent intervention of any kind. A holding offensive defence had to be fought in the west to offset any grandiose offensive Pakistani intent. Enough territory had to be captured in East Pakistan to enable the return of the 10 million refugees and setting up of a Provisional Government of Bangladesh in their territory. Swift operations needed to be launched to capture the delineated military objectives in the least time. The doubt that always remains and gives room for analysis is whether Dacca was a primary objective or a 'be prepared' one, to be addressed if circumstances were right. Rightly the time appreciation for capture of Dacca should have been perceived as a long-drawn-out affair if the Pakistanis fought to potential. It's their psychological and physical capitulation and living by the spirit to 'fight another day' that led India's entry into Dacca in less than 14 days. It was also enabled most by the unconventional operations undertaken by Lt Gen Sagat Singh, GOC 4 Corps. He planned and ensured the Meghna crossing by a heliborne battalion and thus enabled the 101st Communication Zone Area to be the first to arrive at Dacca's doorstep.

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MOBILISING $1 TRILLION FOR CLIMATE FINANCE

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The COP26 climate talks in Glasgow wrapped up recently. There, the world witnessed first-hand the passion of youth demanding governments to act with greater urgency while their country representatives worked extra hours to find a common ground.

The COP26 did not unveil a treaty like the 2015 Paris Agreement but guided the implementation and exhorted countries to take steps to keep the global temperature below two and preferably 1.5 degree Celsius. Leaders of developing nations demanded $1 trillion annually from developed countries at least over the next decade to adapt to and mitigate climate change.

COP26 put in place measures for countries to enhance their climate targets next year and phase down coal power and it resolved key issues over the Paris Agreement. Though it fell short in other areas, such as insufficient provisions on carbon markets, social protection and aligning public investments, COP26 also made encouraging commitments to cut methane emissions, halt and reverse deforestation and align private investments to the goal of net-zero emissions.

Delivering on climate finance is the stickiest point of contention between developed and developing countries since most Nationally Determined Contributions are conditional to the availability of finance. Mobilising $1 trillion every year seems to be a daunting task. But the COP26 had witnessed extraordinary support from the world's finance industry. The largest investors called for a robust and fair deal and promised that they will make the money flow. And banks promised to find ways to promote and channel tens of billions into low-carbon investments.

But private finance will not flow in a vacuum. There is a close relationship between incentives made and the increased climate investments. The public sector needs to focus on the efficiency of the finance industry to help channel people's savings into investments that will not just give them a short-term return but will also ensure that they are economically sustainable in the long run. The development of a purposeful finance industry is essential for the realisation of $1 trillion clean investment.

The good news is that the financial industry is not short of savings. At the global level, some $300 trillion is represented in capital markets, a little more than half from commercial banks and the rest from insurance and institutional investors. Against this, the clean $1 trillion looks quite modest. But financial markets still have not got enough money flowing in support of a net-zero economy.

One of the reasons is that the motivation for low carbon infrastructure is not strong. If a carbon intensive investment gives a greater return than that of a clean and green one, then the investors cannot ignore the business case of making profits. That is why over 300 financial institutions have urged world leaders to reach an agreement on climate financing. They are ready to pay a price for carbon if it makes their investment relatively more attractive. These institutions have not suddenly become climate activists but have gradually understood that unless the climate is stable, the economy in which they invest will be at risk.

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Moreover, most private investments on climate change mitigation in developing countries in Asia are not made by financial institutions but by big corporations. Huge economic rewards could be gained if their profits are directed towards low-carbon investments by pricing carbon.

Though a lot of activities are taking place in the finance systems, there is a long way to go before mobilising $1 trillion. A major cause is that the financial institutions themselves are not well structured to accelerate money flows. They inadvertently give preference to carbon-intensive investments over low carbon ones. For example, credit rating agencies, which determine whether a bond is investible, do not consider the risk beyond three years. So, a bond backed by a fossil fuel-driven power plant can receive the same rating as one backed by a renewable source.

The same is true for accounting standards as well. Even though they claim to be prudent, they do not question the value of stranded assets. The risk measures used to manage banks are backward looking and are ill-adapted to foresee climate jeopardy that lies ahead. Investment institutions, which owe a fiduciary duty of caring for their stakeholders, often ignore the effects of climate change. Shareholders, citizens and policymakers alike need to ensure that the financial system is fit for the purpose of achieving net-zero targets.

The following is not a comprehensive list but includes many initiatives that were successful in several countries: ensuring that credit agencies offer ratings that look into the long-term climate risk, getting companies to report openly on their carbon intensity and agreeing to declare their improvement plans, creating standards of reporting for all companies that can raise money through stock exchanges, getting banks and financial institutions to manage and minimise value at risk through proper screening, making these institutions safer by steering them away from carbon intensive activities, encouraging trustees of investment funds to accept fiduciary responsibility, promoting equity investors to integrate climate considerations, assisting insurance companies in identifying and creating climate resilience, and developing safe standards and taxonomy for green bonds and similar financial products.

In addition to the above, donor, public and multilateral banks must significantly increase their climate portfolios and intensify their efforts to help countries achieve net-zero emissions. Each of these is but one of many small steps. But taken together, they would put the world on a very different course in mobilising the clean $1 trillion.

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Prepare for new variant

This is with reference to *Covid variant Omicron shakes up smug world* (Nov 28). The Central and state governments should start their vigorous preparations to combat this variant and not be hasty with any assumption that it may be a weakened one. We expect utmost care will be taken to ensure the safety of school children who have resumed their offline classes. We cannot afford any more loss of lives and livelihoods.

Chitra Manjunath, Bengaluru

Height of intolerance

This is with reference to *The reach of intolerant minds* (Nov 28). Many religions prospered in India only due to the generous tolerance shown by the Hindu community. If India has now reached the height of intolerance, it is a sad commentary on the Hindutva propagated by the BJP. One panacea to overcome the present intolerance level is to walk the talk on "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayaas". Will the PM show the way and direction?

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Exception, not the norm

Some people with tolerant minds do not see things happening in their neighbourhood; their eyes are forever focused on distant places and stray incidents happening in faraway Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat, making it look like a norm rather than an exception.

Hari Raghavan, email

Mamata vs BJP

Twelve Congress MLAs in Meghalaya jumping ship to the TMC is a matter of great concern for the GOP and a cause for celebration for the Bengal CM. This adds to her efforts of trying to position her party as the prime opposition to the BJP in 2024. Of late, many political leaders from opposition parties, some even from the BJP, have joined the TMC. After Tripura and Goa, Mamata Banerjee is also trying her hand at Meghalaya and she might make her presence known in more states in the future. The Congress seems to be a spent force, losing out in some of its traditional bastions to the TMC.

M Y Shariff, Chennai

Nepotism & power of might

For the Communist government in Kerala, the party comes first and only then the people (*A party at odds with principles of democracy*, Nov 26). Nepotism and the power of might are seen everywhere. Wives of many politicians hold coveted jobs in universities, earning lakhs and getting corresponding pensions when they retire. Having acquired power in their hands in the Assembly polls, the partymen are acting as if they have the licence to do whatever they want as the next elections are five years away. In the end, the people suffer.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Job of voters, not judges

The article *An important relationship that is under strain* (Nov 27) is brilliant. But it doesn't say anything about the judiciary's occasional inappropriate attempt to supervise the work of the executive/legislature. Interpretation of the Constitution is different from supervision. Changing the government is the job of the voters, not the judiciary.

V J John, Kannur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Don't be deceived by the double character of the Opposition which changes colour like chameleon. They silently take vaccine and say that they didn't

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Cancellation of UPTET 2021 exam due to leak is playing with future of 20 lakh unemployed candidates. UP is at the peak of educational corruption

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
Govt refused to discuss Pegasus on floor of Parliament in the monsoon session and then SC spoke. Govt bulldozed farm bills and then farmers won

Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu chairs a meeting of floor leaders of all parties on Sunday, a day before the beginning of the winter session of Parliament in New Delhi | PTI

Ahead of parl session, NDA ally calls for repealing CAA

Stormy session likely as oppn plans to raise MSP, fuel price issues

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE ruling NDA is likely to be on the backfoot during the winter session of Parliament with the first sign of trouble coming up during the NDA coordination meeting on Sunday when ally National People's Party sought withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

NPP leader Agatha Sangma told reporters that the government has taken note of her demand for repealing the CAA on the lines of the three farm laws. The government hasn't yet notified the rules of the CAA, which is seen highly-sensitive in the Northeastern states, including Assam.

After PM Modi's dramatic television announcement of the repeal of the farm laws, some opposition parties had called for similar action on the CAA since "a large number of people remains opposed to it".

The winter session, beginning Monday, is likely to take off on a stormy note as Lok Sabha will take up the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, with the Opposition throwing their weight behind the demands of the farmers' unions. Despite claims of multiple schemes benefiting small farmers, the NDA dispensation is not confident about its farm narrative in the absence of strong communicators within its ranks.

The legislative flurry shown by the NDA in the past may also take a pause with the Opposition in Rajya Sabha likely to press for sending bills to the standing committees for wider scrutiny before both Houses take them up for passage.

Unlike the previous sessions of Parliament when the government ensured passage of bills in a din, the resurgent Opposition, particularly the Trinamool Congress, which, eyeing a bigger role in national politics, may pose challenges for the ruling NDA, which barring the BJP and JD (U), is without any big ally in both the Houses. Making clear of its ambitions, the TMC has sought to dictate the agenda of Parliament, calling for passage of the Women's Reservation Bill.

Posturing of the opposition parties on Sunday clearly indicated that the Assembly elections in five states next year will weigh heavily on the winter session. It is likely to be an opportunity for the Opposition to set the narrative for the upcoming polls by putting spotlight on price rise, farm distress and unemployment.

Meanwhile, the BJP in its parliamentary party meeting on Sunday stressed on higher attendance of its MPs and asked them to come prepared to take on the opposition.

Omicron: 'Abide by protocols, no need to overreact'

THE detection of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus has sparked fears of a fresh wave of deadly infections globally. **Sumi Sukanya Dutta** speaks to **Anurag Agrawal**, director, CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, on the development. IGIB is a key institute under INSACOG, a consortium of several institutions under the National Centre for Disease Control, for genomic surveillance of the virus in India.

Why so much worry about the new variant?

The Omicron variant is the most-highly mutated version of the SARS-CoV-2 virus to date. Many of the fresh mutations are at antibody-binding sites and are expected to reduce the effectiveness of neutralising antibodies. Its rapid emergence and spread has occurred in a population expected to have a high natural immunity, due to a preceding large Delta wave. Also, we have seen examples of transmission between fully vaccinated international travellers. Thus, the limited clinical data so far is consistent with molecular predictions about immune-escape potential being high. I do note here that many calculations about transmissibility being six times higher than Delta have an underlying flaw. Growth advantage against Delta, measured during its falling transmission, is not the correct way to estimate transmissibility because there is likely to be immunity to Delta but not to Omicron.

How prepared is our genetic surveillance to detect the variant in India?

First, our colleagues in South Africa must be praised for rapidly finding and informing about Omicron. Timely sequencing will help in determining the seeding of a community and guiding public health measures. However, I would recommend that we try to screen for Omicron in the initial diagnostics itself. S-gene target failure of RT-PCR has been used by South Africa to detect its spread, without waiting for sequencing. While those types of three gene kits, containing S-gene, are not readily available to us, we are fully capable of producing them. Alternate CRISPR based methods are also possible. I would add here that while there is a need to strictly follow existing protocols for travellers from higher-risk regions, we should not overreact by banning all flights or creating undue hardship.

Does a 3rd wave look imminent in India?

If you are asking whether I see something like the second wave happening again – No, I don't see any firm data yet that leads to that conclusion, especially since there is no sign yet of higher severity. If you are asking whether we will see an increase in new cases, yes that seems likely. How much, how fast, how bad will depend upon our choices and willingness to follow precautions.

Could you explain why the mutation is continuing?

The large reservoir of infected hosts has allowed SARS- CoV-2 to evolve further, becoming more infectious. Some of it is a matter of chance but truthfully, the global action to reduce infections in a concerted manner everywhere has been inadequate. Unfortunately, while the global production of vaccines is enough to vaccinate everyone in the world, a large fraction remains unvaccinated.

Full interview on www.newindianexpress.com

Airport RT-PCR for flyers from 'at-risk' countries

At-risk countries include European countries, the UK, South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore and Israel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry on Sunday issued fresh Covid-19 guidelines mandating passengers travelling from or transiting through "at-risk" countries to undergo RT-PCR test on arrival in India and wait for the results before leaving the airport or taking a connecting flight. The development comes amid emergence of Omicron variant of the pandemic.

Travellers coming from countries other than those listed as "at risk" will be allowed to leave the airport and shall self-monitor their health for 14 days after arrival, but five per cent of them will be randomly tested at the airport, the revised guidelines further stated.

The airlines concerned should identify the five per cent of such travellers to be tested in each flight, preferably from different countries. Such travellers shall be escorted by the airlines or the Ministry of Civil Aviation authorities to the testing area on arrival and the cost of testing of such travellers shall be borne by the ministry.

The existing guidelines have been revised in view of reporting of a new variant of SARS-CoV-2, named Omicron, which has been now classified as a Variant of Concern by the World Health Organization, the Health Ministry said.

This standard operating procedure shall be valid from December 1 till further orders. The revised guidelines will supersede earlier ones issued on and after November 11.

According to the revised guidelines, before boarding passengers originating from or transiting through at-risk countries shall be informed by the airlines that they will undergo post-arrival testing, quarantine if tested negative, stringent isolation protocols if tested positive, etc.

Do's and Don'ts shall be provided along with ticket to the travellers by the airlines and airlines will allow boarding of only those passengers who have filled in the self-declaration form on the Air Suvidha portal and uploaded the negative RT-PCR test report.

This test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to the journey. At the time of boarding the flight, only asymptomatic travellers will be allowed to board after thermal screening. *With agency inputs*

STRATEGY

Goa election important to Mamata's growth plans

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

IF the result of Goa Assembly election comes true to its expectations, the TMC is likely to use it as a launching pad in national politics and brand itself as a vibrant opposition against the BJP, expediting induction-spree across the country.

The Mamata Banerjee-led party also plans to traverse through all the prominent states of north India. "The TMC has a brain behind it to make it a national party with national and secular outlooks and acts," said a TMC leader, adding that the party has already started working to spread its wings in south India. Sources said the brain behind the induction-spree of TMC is election strategist Prashant Kishor aka PK.

In Goa, where the TMC is eyeing to take a frog jump in national politics, it has inducted many influential faces including former CM Luizinho Fuleiro, tennis player Leander Peas, actor Nafisa Ali and Mirinalini Deshprabhu.

In its south India move, the TMC's first focus is on Karnataka and efforts are on to induct some Congress leaders. "There is also a plan to take the TMC into next Assembly polls due in 2023 in the state. So, the party is zeroing on an influential face," reliable source said.

The sources said Kishor after being targeted by some Congress leaders, is learnt to have decided to reduce the grand old party to just an old party ahead of next Lok Sabha elections.

Though, no official statement regarding this has come from PK come so far, the sources said the induction-spree of TMC is working. Kishor didn't respond to email from this newspaper.

TMC MP Derek O'Brien, National Conference chairman Farooq Abdullah and Congress leader Anand Sharma before an all-party meeting ahead of the winter session | PTI

Aiming at parallel front, TMC to skip Congress-led meet

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

BY announcing to skip the Opposition meeting ahead of the Parliament's winter session on Monday, the Trinamool Congress party is looking to forge a parallel non-Congress opposition alliance in both Houses to take on the BJP-led Centre.

The TMC, which is the third biggest party in Rajya Sabha with 13 MPs and shares fourth place with YSRCP with 22 MPs in Lok Sabha, has made it clear that it would no more tread on the floor strategy of Congress.

Sources said the TMC leadership has asked the party floor leaders — Derek O'Brien in Rajya Sabha and Sudip Bandopadhyay in Lok Sabha — to look for coordinating with parties that are not in alliance with the Congress but are ready to take on the Modi government.

"The TMC is ready to work with all the opposition and regional parties unlike the Congress that has issues aligning with Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSRCP or Arvind Kejriwal's AAP for that sake. We will reach out to all the like-minded parties whether it is Samajwadi Party or BJD for a stronger opposition front. Nobody is untouchable for us," said a TMC MP.

The party feels that unlike other opposition parties such as Shiv Sena, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, DMK, Left parties, NCP and RJD that have alliance with Congress in state governments or have contested elections together, the TMC has no such boundation.

"Yes, there will be Opposition unity in Parliament. It is the common issues that will unite the opposition. I also must point out that there is a distinction between the RJD, DMK, RJD and the CPI(M) — they are all electoral allies of the Congress. The NCP-Shiv Sena and JMM run a government with the Congress. The Congress is not our electoral ally nor are we running a government with them. That's the difference," said O'Brien.

The monsoon session of Parliament had seen camaraderie among the 14 opposition parties when they put up a joint front on common issues.

"These are individual decisions of parties based on their strategy and goals. Congress is the principle opposition party in the country and will take all parties together in our fight against the anti-people policies of this government," said a senior Congress leader.

Sangh not a military outfit, says Bhagwat

Gwalior: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said the Sangh is a group with family atmosphere. "Sangh is not an all-India music school. Martial arts programmes do take place (in it), but Sangh is neither an all India gym nor a martial arts club. Sometimes, the Sangh is described as a paramilitary. But Sangh is not a military organisation," he said. Sangh is a group with a family atmosphere, the RSS chief added. He was speaking here at the musical band camp of the Sangh's Madhya Bharat Pranth. Noted Sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and others attended the valedictory of the camp.

'Arrest, long detention of activists disturbing trend'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

OVER a hundred retired civil servants of both state and central government services on Sunday wrote an open letter to the citizens saying that a "disturbing" trend has emerged in the direction of country's governance over the last few years, subjecting civil society activists to various punitive acts, including arrest and indefinite detentions.

Altogether 102 retired civil servants from across the country wrote the letter, making it clear that the grouping owes no political affiliation but believes in commitment to the Constitution.

"The foundational values of our republic and cherished norms of governance, which we had taken as immutable, have been under the relentless assault of an arrogant, majotarian state," the group wrote.

"The civil society activists striving to defend these principles are subject to arrest and indefinite detention under draconian laws that blot our statute book. The establishment does its best to discredit them as anti-national and foreign agents," the letter alleged.

The group was apparently objecting to National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's recent statement at the National Police Academy. "The new frontier of war, what you call the fourth generation warfare, is the civil society. ... It is the civil society that can be subverted, that can be suborned, that can be divided, that can be manipulated to hurt the interest of a nation," the NSA had said.

Farmer leaders Tejinder Singh (L), Darshan Pal (2L), Rakesh Tikait (C) and social activist Medha Patkar (R) gesture during a Kisan Mahapanchayat in Mumbai on Sunday | PTI

'Bring MSP law or face R-Day stir'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Centre should bring a law ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers or else be prepared to face four lakh tractors and farmers on Republic Day, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait warned on Sunday.

At a mahapanchayat of farmers at Mumbai's Azad Maidan, Tikait accused the Modi government of running away from a debate over the issue of MSP. PM Modi was a supporter of the MSP when he was the Gujarat CM and wanted a nationwide law to ensure that the interest of farmers were guaranteed, he claimed.

"The Centre should bring a new law on the MSP. Otherwise, January 26 is not far and 4 lakh tractors and farmers all are there," he said.

Earlier, the Kisan mahapanchayat gave the call to defeat BJP in all the Assembly elections and vowed to continue the fight for a law guaranteeing the MSP and other demands including the withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment bill and the arrest of Union minister Ajay Mishra over the Lakhimpur incident.

While hailing the victory of farmers on getting the Centre withdraw the three laws, the mahapanchyat vowed to fight for remaining demands. "It will also fight for getting the prices of diesel, petrol, and cooking gas halved. Other demands included doubling the days of work and wages under MNREGS and extending this scheme to urban areas," the Samyukta Shetkari Kamgar Morcha said in a statement.

RADIO ADDRESS

PM post not for power, but for serving people: Modi

NEW DELHI: Asserting that this is an era of start-ups, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India is leading the world in this field with more than 70 start-ups having crossed the valuation of USD 1 billion.

In his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi also said he wants to be in service of people and not be "in power". "I am not in power even today and I don't want to be in power in future also. I only want to be in service; for me this post, this prime ministership, all these things are not at all for power, they are for service," he said when an Ayushman Bharat beneficiary wished him to remain in power. The PM said in the many works of the government, amidst the many schemes, things related to human sensitivities always give a different kind of joy.

"With the efforts of the government, with the schemes of the government, the way a life changed... What is the experience of that changed life? When we hear this, we too are filled with empathy. It also gives satisfaction to the mind and gives inspiration to take that scheme to the people."

The PM also cautioned people that coronavirus has not gone yet and "it is the responsibility of all of us to take precautions".

In his broadcast, Modi said that in any country having a large population of youth, three things — ideas and innovation, passion to take risks and the 'can do' spirit — matter a lot. When these three things come together, unprecedented results are achieved, he said. "These days we hear all around us, start-up, start-up, start-up. It is true that this is the era of start-ups and it is also true that in the field of start-ups, in a way, India is leading the world." *PTI*

FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

Noted mountaineer Harshwanti Bisht, 62, hailing from Uttarakhand, has earned the distinction of being elected the first woman president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). She is an Arjuna awardee

30% WOMEN IN 14 STATES, UTs JUSTIFY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: NFHS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	18	Mumbai	35	22
Bhopal	30	12	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	28	14	Patna	26	12
Amritsar	24	09	Lucknow	27	12
Chennai	29	24	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	28	18	Imphal	24	08
Srinagar	14	-01	Chandigarh	25	11

Candidates wait outside an examination centre in Gorakhpur before the announcement on cancellation was made | PTI

Teacher recruitment exam nixed over paper leak in UP

Yogi says NSA to be invoked against culprits; re-exam in a month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

NEARLY 20 lakh candidates appearing for Uttar Pradesh Teachers Eligibility Test (UP-TET) on Sunday were in for a shock as the exam was cancelled shortly before it was to begin after a question paper was leaked.

The UP government said 26 persons had been arrested in this connection. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the National Security Act and Gangster Act would be invoked against those involved.

The exam, conducted by the Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Board, will now be held within a month. The government will bear the entire expenditure on the re-examination, said additional chief secretary, Basic Education Department, Deepak Kumar. The Board said the new date for the exam would be notified soon and that candidates would not have to pay fees.

Sixteen of the 26 suspects were arrested from Prayagraj, including Rajendra Patel, the alleged mastermind of the whole operation, and Satya Prakash Singh, an assistant teacher at a primary school, a government statement said.

Among the arrested, four persons were arrested from Lucknow, three from Shamli and one each from Kaushambi, Ayodhya and Ambedkarnagar districts.

The trio arrested from Shamli had procured 10 copies of the question paper for ₹5 lakh and had taken ₹50,000 from 50-60 candidates each to give them access to the papers. One Sunny Singh of the gang was instrumental in sourcing paper solvers from Bihar, the government statement said.

Uttar Pradesh's Additional Director General, Law and Order, said the matter would be probed by the STF.

The CM announced that the "re-exam will be held in a transparent manner within one month". At a function in Deoria, he said, "Instructions were also given to conduct the exam within a month, and that no candidate should be charged additional fee."

OPPOSITION LASHES OUT AT YOGI GOVT

Opposition parties hit out at the Yogi government for "playing with the future of nearly 20 lakh aspirants". SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said such incidents had become a norm in the state under BJP. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, too, alleged that corruption in education and recruitment had become common under the BJP. BSP chief Mayawati has demanded a high-level probe

HOW UDDHAV HAS SURPRISED ALL

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ON November 28, 2019, when Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, with no administrative experience, took oath as the 18th chief minister of Maharashtra heading a three-party coalition government, many including his critics as well as close associates were not sure about how he would negotiate the governance challenges as well as walk the political tightrope.

As Uddhav completed two years in office on Sunday, both critics and supporters agreed how deftly he has handled these challenges and marked his stamp at the national level. Not only did he successfully manage a crisis of gigantic proportions like Covid-19, with Maharashtra being among the worst affected, he has also so far safeguarded the Maha Vikas Aghadi government from BJP's alleged attempts of toppling.

'Efficiently handled Covid'

Professor Surendra Jondhale, who teaches political science at Mumbai University, said Uddhav has surprised many with his efficient handling of the Covid situation. "During the pandemic, he never raised any rabble-rousing Hindutva or sentimental non-issues that Sena is known for, but focused on good governance. His address at the state programme was a hit with the middle class and earned him a good name. Now, the immediate challenge before him is to retain power in the BMC polls," he said.

Jondhale said Uddhav has also showed his mettle in maintaining the delicate balance between all three MVA partners with varying ideological. "He has maintained good relations with big leaders like former chief minister Ashok Chavan of Congress, Ajit Pawar, Balasaheb Thorat, Chhagan Bhujbal and Jayant Patil. His lack of administrative experience never became an issue; it rather turned out to be his plus point as he started on a clean slate," Jondhale said.

Kept BJP at bay

Political observers pointed out that the BJP, smarting under its former ally's snub at the time of government formation, has not left any opportunity in past two years to try and topple or damage the MVA government. But all its efforts have come to a naught and the credit for that goes in good measure to Uddhav.

"The BJP is in power at the Centre but not in Maharashtra. It means political power without finance as Mumbai is the country's financial power centre. Uddhav has not only consolidated his position as a chief minister but also led party's victory march beyond Maharashtra and won the Dadra Nagar Haveli Lok Sabha seat for the first time," said a political observer, terming it a big boost to the Sena supremo's leadership.

Civic body polls next test

The upcoming BMC, Nasik, Navi Mumbai and Pune municipal corporation polls will be Uddhav's next big political test. "BMC is the soul of the Shiv Sena. The BJP, which last time missed the bus by a slender margin, will against go all-out to wrest the cash-rich corporation from its ally-turned-rival. This election will also test whether the core Hindutva and Marathi voters of Sena are still with the party or have been swayed away by the BJP," said political scientist Ranjeet Shinde.

Pratap Asale, a senior political analyst, said Uddhav managed many situations including Covid-19 efficiently, but has not been able to handle the Amrawati riot and the Maharashtra state transport employees' stir. "However, the state has not treated the protesting employees as enemy, which the BJP generally does whenever someone goes against them. This approach of the Uddhav government is a major plus point that has kept the communications with the stakeholders open," Asabe said. He added that the Opposition and even cabinet colleague "underestimated Uddhav's leadership".

MVA WORST EVER: BJP

The BJP on Sunday hit out at the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) regime on the completion of two years in office, calling it the "most corrupt, opportunist, anti-people and useless" dispensation in the state, and said that Uddhav Thackeray is "accidental and absentee" CM

EXPRESS READ

Six held for ruckus at Dalit wedding in Rajasthan

Udaipur: Six people have been arrested for allegedly creating a ruckus to stop the wedding procession of a Dalit groom at Salerakhurd village in Rajasthan's Udaipur on Sunday, police said. The accused persons, from the Jat community, also attempted to manhandle the groom and his family members. The procession was later taken out under police protection, said a police officer.

J&K family threatens to move HC for body

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

WITH authorities not handing over body of Amir Magray, the youth killed in Hyderpora encounter, the father of the slain youth has threatened to move J&K High Court to seek return of mortal remains of his son.

Abdul Lateef Magray father of Amir Magray, who was among four persons killed in November 15 encounter at Hyderpora in Srinagar, said if the government does not hand over body of his slain son to family for burial, they would knock the doors of court to get justice.

"We are planning to meet Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to request him to return us body of Amir for burial. If he does not return us body, then we will go to J&K High Court to get body of our slain son, who was innocent and not a militant," he said.

However, police has said that a Pakistani militant Haider Bhai, his associate Amir (from Ramban), Mudasir Gul and Altaf Bhat were killed in Hyderpora encounter. Police buried bodies of all four in a graveyard in Handwara, in north Kashmir.

However, after public outcry and protests by families of Mudasir and Altaf, authorities handed over bodies to them.

Amir Magray's sister Mehmoona said when authorities have handed over bodies of Mudasir and Altaf to their families, "why they are not handing us body of Amir".

"My brother was working as an office attendant in the office. He was innocent. He has been killed brutally and now unfortunately they are not handing over his body to us," she said.

"We appeal authorities to hand us the body so that we can give him at least a decent burial," she said adding, "We are not demanding closure of inquiry. The government should conduct inquiry to ascertain facts".

Meanwhile, former J&K chief minister and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah, on Saturday, visited Amir's family at their residence in Famrote hamlet of Ramban to express solidarity with the family.

A clip of the newspaper ad

Ad against BJP Rajasthan prez in Ajmer paper

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

AHEAD of Union Home minister Amit Shah's visit to Rajasthan, politics in the state BJP has heated up over an advertisement given during former CM Vasundhara Raje's recent trip to Ajmer. In the advertisement in support of Raje, the slogan 'Jai Jai Rajasthan' is found along with a catchline against BJP Amber MLA Satish Poonia, saying '*Poonia Bhagao-BJP Bachao*' ('Sack Poonia, Save BJP').

The advertisement also makes a pitch to PM Modi and Amit Shah to declare Vasundhara Raje as the face of the Rajasthan BJP and to give her free hand in the state.

Issued in the name of one Ganesh Chaudhary, a former chairman of Ajmer Co-operative Bank, the half-page ad published in an Ajmer newspaper has once again exposed the fault lines within the party. However, Raje has denied any connection with the person who had published the ad.

18 killed as van hits truck in Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

IN a tragic accident, at least 18 persons, including five of a family, were killed and five received injuries when a van, in which they were travelling, rammed into a stationary truck in West Bengal's Nadia district. According to police, the victims and injured were on their way to a crematorium to cremate a body.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home minister Amit Shah, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have condoled the loss of lives.

"The deceased were from Bagda in the North 24 Parganas and they were going to a crematorium in Nabadwip in Nadia. The mishap around 3 am on Sunday apparently occurred because of dense fog. Twelve of the victims was declared dead on arrival to a state-run hospital while other six succumbed to their injuries later," said a police officer. The matador van ferrying 35 persons rammed into another stone-laden truck parked on the side of the road, said the officer.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee promised to provide necessary assistance to the families of the victims. "Heartbroken to hear about the road accident in Nadia. I offer my deepest condolences to the bereaved families," said a tweet from the CM.

A relative of one of the deceased mourns at Phulbari in Bengal's Nadia district | PTI

Savarkar era has arrived in India: CIC Mahurkar

INDORE: Central Information Commissioner (CIC) Uday Mahurkar on Sunday said the era of V D Savarkar, known as the architect of Hindutva ideology, has already set in India and that his personality is above Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour.

"I feel Savarkar is above Bharat Ratna. If he gets the award it is fine. But even if he does not get this award that won't affect his stature as the Savarkar era has already begun in India," Mahurkar, who is taking part in the Indore Literature Festival here, said.

The BJP in its manifesto for the Maharashtra Assembly polls in 2019 had stated that it will recommend Veer Savarkar's name to the Centre for the highest civilian award if it retained power. *PTI*

HAND-CRAFTED

Bambooka: The humble cycle gets an eco-friendly twist

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

SYNONYMOUS with Maoist activities, Bastar can now thank the humble bicycle albeit with an innovative twist for bringing positive spotlight on the region. Bambooka — a brainchild of professionals from Jagdalpur — incorporates bamboo, wrought iron, shishal (jute fibre) and bell metal with usual components to give riders a customised two-wheeler of their choice.

"We chalked out the idea that we should create a scope of livelihood, preserve and promote the unique handicraft of the tribal communities in the region. Tribals usually adopt those works or jobs that they find connected to the roots of their ancestors. Handicraft is one such area in their lives," said Asif Khan, one of the co-founders of the project launched by 'Naturescape' during the pandemic.

Weighing just 8.2 kg, Bambooka with accessories crafted from bamboo is at least 60 per cent lighter than an average cycle weighing nearly 18 kg.

Bambooka, he said, is a tribute to Bastar artisans and their fast depleting art. "Africa has a successful livelihood model on bamboo cycles for tribals. For over a year, we focused differently on the bicycle-oriented design and user-centred geometry to make it robust, safe and comfortable. It has a tensile strength sustaining a load of at least 100 kg. Bamboo has an inherent shock absorber owing to its flexibility unlike metals. Our next plan is to create a bicycle for women," Khan said.

Regarding the price of about ₹35,000 for the product, Khan's partner gave reasons to justify the tag. "One cycle takes around 20 days as bamboo is properly chemically treated, taking out the moisture content from it, sun-dried followed by a clear coat," said Tarun Sharma, co-founder of Naturescape.

The Bambooka bicycle

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Park Street flyover to be shut for integrity test

The Park Street flyover in Kolkata will be shut to traffic from 10 pm on December 3 to 6 am on December 6 for a load test for the structure. Senior officials of the Hooghly River Bridge Commissioners (HRBC), the wing responsible for the maintenance of the flyover, has informed police that personnel and machinery will move in from the morning of December 3 and the test will begin that night. On December 4 and 5, engineers will conduct a series of tests on the 1.3 km flyover before it is opened to traffic. The Park Street flyover will be the first among five flyovers, which HRBC maintains, that will undergo load tests over the next month and a half.

App-based ambulance service launched in city

A mobile application promising residents of Kolkata ambulances of various types just like they book a cab has been launched in the city. AmbiPalm, the app developed by a Hyderabad-headquartered ambulance aggregator, can be downloaded from Google Play Store and Apple App Store. Those looking for an ambulance have to type the destination. The app will show a price for the service. Agreeing to the price will allow one to book the ambulance. The aggregator has tied up with 80 ambulance providers in the state with a fleet of 1,200 ambulances. Three types of ambulances will be available for hiring—basic life support, advanced life support and patient transport services. Kolkata has a dearth of well-equipped ambulances, said a doctor of a private hospital.

Corporation's home vaccination for bedridden

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has started home vaccination for ailing and bedridden persons who are physically unable to go to vaccination centres. Families of the bedridden persons have to ensure the presence of a doctor at their home for at least 30 minutes after the vaccine is administered in case of any adverse reaction following the vaccination. The families of such people must also obtain a doctor's certificate stating the ailments and that the person will not be able to go to a vaccination centre. So far, the KMC has jabbed close to 70 ailing and bedridden people, said an official of the civic body.

Breathalyser tests on cyclists soon

Kolkata police will conduct a breathalyser test on bicyclists from now onwards to reduce possibilities of road accidents involving cyclists in an intoxicated state. At least 13 accidents involving bicycles have been reported in the last one month, including three deaths. All 25 traffic guards across the city have been instructed to start the drive from this weekend and prosecute bicyclists if found riding in a state of intoxication. Till now the police had been conducting alcohol tests only on motorists and prosecuting offenders under the section of Motor Vehicles Act and IPC dealing with public nuisance.

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Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq killed by Islamic State bomb

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

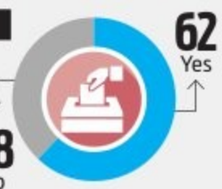
Beijing	7	-4	HR	Los Angeles	27	17	SNY
Colombo	28	23	TDS	Melbourne	29	18	LR
Dhaka	29	28	TDS	Moscow	4	5	LR
Dubai	28	20	SNY	New York	7	0	SNY
Houston	21	11	SNY	Singapore	32	26	LC
Istanbul	21	13	SNY	Toronto	3	-1	LC
London	5	1	LC	Washington	8	0	LC

SWISS VOTERS BACK CONTENTIOUS COVID PASS

Swiss voters appeared set Sunday to approve by a clear margin legislation which introduced a special Covid-19 certificate that lets only people who have been vaccinated, recovered or tested negative attend public events and gatherings

A CLEAR PREFERENCE

Results from 16 of Switzerland's 26 cantons showed 61.9 per cent had voted in favour of the law, on a 64 per cent turnout



CRITICS SLAM 'APARTHEID' SYSTEM

The law provides the legal basis for the so-called Covid certificate, indicating that a person has been vaccinated or has recovered from the disease

Opponents have said the certificate, which has been required since September for access to restaurants and other indoor spaces is creating an "apartheid" system

TENSIONS RUN HIGH

Switzerland has seen growing anger over restrictions. But in a country where referendums take place every few months in a climate of civility, the tensions around the vote came as a shock

WARNINGS OF FIFTH WAVE

Swiss health authorities have warned of a "fifth wave". The seven-day average case count shot up to more than 5,200 per day from mid-October to mid-November, a more than five-fold increase — with an upward curve like those in neighbouring Germany and Austria

67% of the Swiss population is fully immunised, with a further two per cent having had the first dose

53% were in favour of mandatory vaccination, a Link Institute survey of 1,300 people found

BRITAIN SITS OUT AS FRANCE HOLDS MEETING ON CHANNEL MIGRATION

London's exclusion comes as relations with Paris nosedive over post-Brexit disagreements

LONDON

FRANCE hosted a meeting of European ministers on Sunday to discuss ways to stop migrants crossing the Channel in dinghies, but without Britain, which has been excluded following a row last week.

Ministers responsible for immigration from France, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium will meet in the northern French port of Calais on Sunday afternoon to discuss how to tackle people-smuggling gangs that provide boats to migrants seeking to cross the narrow waterway.

The talks were called following the shocking deaths of 27 people last Wednesday as they attempted to cross from France to England in a dinghy that began losing air while at sea in cold winter temperatures.

The aim of the meeting is "improving operational cooperation in the fight against people-smuggling because these are international networks which operate in different European countries," an aide to French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said.

Boris Johnson

The main focus had been set to be talks between Darmanin and his British counterpart Priti Patel after both countries vowed in the immediate aftermath of the mass drownings to cooperate more.

But within 48 hours of the accident, French President Emmanuel Macron had accused British Prime Minister Boris Johnson of being "not serious" in unusually personal criticism that pushed relations to fresh lows. France was irked by Johnson's initial reaction, which was seen as deflecting blame onto France, and then by his decision to write a letter to Macron which he published in full on his Twitter account before the French leader had received it. Patel's invitation to Sunday's talks was promptly withdrawn over the breach of diplomatic protocol, with an aide to Darmanin calling Johnson's letter "unacceptable".

Britain's departure from the European Union has caused years of ill-will between Paris and London.

Without the participation of Britain there are limits to what can be achieved at the meeting. The invitation to France's other northern neighbours reflects concern about how people-smuggling gangs are able to use Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany as bases to organise their operations.

Representatives from the European Commission, as well as the EU's border force Frontex and police agency Europol will also attend. *AFP*

UK announces plan to hold separate talks

Britain's government on Sunday announced plans for its own talks on the Channel migration crisis with European ministers this week as it was frozen out of a crisis meeting in France. "I will be holding urgent talks with my European counterparts," Home Secretary Priti Patel said

BOXED IN BY COVID

Covid-struck Czech President Milos Zeman, sits in a plastic cage as he appoints right-winger Petr Fiala (L) as Czech Prime Minister on Sunday | AFP

27 Chinese jets enter Taiwan's defence zone

TAIPEI

TAIWAN said 27 Chinese aircraft entered its air defence buffer zone on Sunday, the latest in a long series of incursions as part of Beijing's pressure on the self-ruled island. The Defence Ministry said Taiwan scrambled combat aircraft to "warn" the Chinese planes to leave. It also deployed missile systems to monitor them. Sunday's incursion included 18 fighter jets and five H-6 bombers, as well as a Y-20 aerial refueling aircraft, according to Taiwan's Defence Ministry. The Chinese aircraft flew into Taiwan's air Defence identification zone near the southern part of the island and out into the Pacific Ocean before returning to China, according to a map by Taiwan authorities.

Over the past year, the frequency of Chinese incursions has increased, with about 150 aircraft over a period of four days. China's air force mission toward Taiwan came as Chinese President Xi Jinping met with officers at a military conference, where he called for military talent cultivation to support and strengthen the armed forces, according to state-owned news agency Xinhua. Xi said that talent is imperative in achieving victory in military competition and gaining the upper hand in future wars, according to Xinhua.

China claims democratically ruled Taiwan as its own territory, to be brought under its control by force if necessary. It refuses to recognise the island's government and has increasingly sought to isolate the independence-leaning administration of President Tsai Ing-wen.

Taiwan and China split during a civil war in 1949, and Beijing opposes Taiwan's involvement in international organisations. *Agencies*

IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS TO RESUME TODAY

WASHINGTON

THE United States under President Joe Biden is to resume on Monday indirect negotiations with Iran in Vienna — but is far less optimistic than in the spring about the possibility of saving the Iranian nuclear agreement.

And its options to prevent Tehran from developing a nuclear bomb are limited if talks fail.

As president, Donald Trump withdrew from the international deal in 2018 and reimposed US sanctions lifted under the accord's terms.

In response, the Islamic Republic has flouted many of the restrictions set on its nuclear program. Biden has said he wants to return to the deal – negotiated in 2015 by then-president Barack Obama, under whom Biden served as vice president -- so long as Iran also resumes the original terms.

The indirect negotiations in Vienna resume Monday after a five-month suspension imposed by Iran. "There is room to quickly reach and implement an understanding," a spokesperson for the US State Department said Wednesday. But the American envoy on Iran, Rob Malley, has said that Tehran's attitude "doesn't augur well for the talks."

Washington has accused the Middle Eastern nation of dragging its feet and increasing its "radical" demands -- while still making progress that would bring it significantly closer to developing a bomb.

A file photo of Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi

If, when talks resume, it quickly becomes apparent to the United States that Iran only wants to buy time to step up its nuclear advances, then Washington will not "sit idly by," Malley warned.

"We're going to have to see other efforts — diplomatic and otherwise — to try to address Iran's nuclear ambitions," he said. One of the diplomatic options mentioned was a possible interim agreement. "The Biden administration could look at a short-term deal, a limited agreement that freezes some of the most proliferation-sensitive activities in Iran in exchange for some modest sanctions relief," Kelsey Davenport, the head of nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association, told AFP recently. *AFP*

Barbados to cut links with Queen, become newest republic today

LONDON

On a rainy night in Hong Kong in 1997, Prince Charles read a message from his mother Queen Elizabeth II, as Britain handed back sovereignty of the territory to China after more than 150 years of British rule. On Monday, nearly a quarter of a century on, Charles will be present at another handover, when Barbados becomes the world's newest republic, with an elected president — not the queen — as head of state.

The ceremony will not be on the same scale as in Hong Kong, when military marching bands and bagpipes provided the backdrop to a momentous occasion that was described as "the epilogue of empire".But the Caribbean island's abandonment of constitutional monarchy is significant, not just for the monarch and her heir, but for the new republic -- and others that may follow. *AFP*

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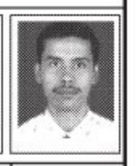
SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH TENDER CUM PUBLIC AUCTION

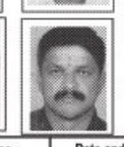
Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita., is brought to Sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".

Smt. PADMASHREE M W/o Sri. GANESH S and Sri. GANESH S S/o Sri. SRINIVASA GUNDAPPA both residing at # 27, EWS 2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Near Vidya Chethan School, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560079, the Surety Sri. SUDHEENDRA N, S/o N S Nanjundaiah, # 47/1, Gruhalakshmi L/O, II Stage, 3rd Cross, Kamalanagar, Bangalore 560079,



Description of the Properties	Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price Secured debt EMD Price	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date and Place of Public Auction
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No 27, EWS, A.D.Halli, 2nd Stage, Extension, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-79,	measuring East to West : 18 Feet and North to South: 26 Feet, Total 468 Sqf.and bounded on East By : House No 26, West by : House No 28, North By : House No 12 and South By : Road.	Reserve Price Rs.40,00,000/- EMD Price Rs.4,00,000/-	Rs.22,99,711/- as on 31.07.2021 (interest & other charges + costs, etc)	29.12.2021 at 12.00PM At Place : Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita.,

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Smt. LAKSHMIDEVI, W/o MAHADEVA H # 78, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Near Allwin Public School, Ganganagar Extension, Gangappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore 560032, the Sureties Sri. MAHADEVA H, S/o Sri. Hanumanthappa, and ANUSHREE M, D/o Sri. Mahadeva H, #78, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Near Allwin Public School, Ganganagar Extension, Gangappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore 560032, and Sri. VENKATESH T, S/o Sri. Thippaiah K, #D 54, MRS Quarters, Hebbal Campus, H A Farm, Hebbala, Bangalore 560024,



Description of the Properties	Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price Secured debt EMD Price	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date and Place of Public Auction
All that the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 79 Old No.6, presently bearing BBMP Ward No. 98, PID-98-66-79, carved out of Sy. No. 18, Gangenahalli Village, 1st Main Road, Hebbal Mill, Ganganagar, Bangalore,	measuring: East to West: 43 Feet, North to South:10 Feet, Totally measuring 430 Sft., Bounded on : East By: Road, West By: Naala, (Kaluve), North By: Private Property and South By: Private Property.	Reserve Price Rs.38,00,000/- EMD Price Rs.3,80,000/-	Rs.22,41,413/- as on 31.07.2021 (interest & other charges + costs, etc)	30.12.2021 at 12.00PM At Place : Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita.,

Terms and Conditions of the Auction:- 1. The auction will be conducted in the premises of above mentioned Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita., # 403/803, 8th Main, 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, B.S.K. 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. Phone No. 26762583, 26762584, E-mail : srimathamahilabank@gmail.com 2. Public Auction at # 403/803, 8th Main, 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, B.S.K. 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. 3. For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being cautioned deposit which is refundable, 4. The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D, NEFT, RTGS, to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction. 5. The cautioned deposite shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, 6. if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and condition of public auction, time and commits default in any manner. 7. The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the Sale Certificate Registered in his/her favour. 8. The schedule property will be auctioned as it is and where it is in the condition under the terms and condition of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. 9. The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. 10. For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita., Authorised officer, OR Phone No. : 080-26762583-4 / 9449885549.

Date: 27.11.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamita.,

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE 8(1)]

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 17 Aug 2021 calling upon the borrowers (1) M/s Hamlet Apartment Private Limited (Borrower), (Formerly known as Mantri Hamlet Private Limited),Represented by its Directors past and present, (2) Sri Subramanian Baaskaran, (Former Director), (3) Sri Pratik Sushil Mantri, (Former Director), (4) Sri Methuku Srinivas, (Director), (5) Sri Thippareddygari Harikrishna Reddy, (Director), (6) Sri Sushil Mantri, (Guarantor) and Managing Director: Mantri Developers Private Limited, S/o Sri Pandurang Jivraj Mantri,#18, Mantri Altius,17, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru –560001, (7) M/s Mantri Developers Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor), Represented by its Directors, (8) Sri Sushil Pandurang Mantri, (Managing Director), (9) Smt Snehal Sushil Mantri, (Wholetime Director), (10) Sri Rajat Tandon, (Alternate Director), (11) Sri Jan Willem Adriaan De Geus, (Director), (12) Sri Pratik Sushil Mantri, (Director), Address : No. (1) to (5) & (7) to (12) : #41, Mantri House, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru – 560001, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being of ₹215,78,41,231.18 (Rupees two hundred fifteen crore seventy-eight lacs forty-one thousand two hundred thirty-one and paise eighteen only) as on 16 Aug 2021 and interest from 04 Aug 2021 and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The same was returned unserved/unaccepted and was published in the Business Standard & Dinamani Chennai edition and the New Indian Express and Samykta Karnataka Bengaluru editions on 25 Sep 2021.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and public in general, that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this 26 Nov 2021.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (Now DBS Bank India Limited), Bengaluru Main Branch, for an amount of ₹2,21,77,51,855.18 (Rupees two hundred twenty one crore seventy seven lacs fifty one thousand eight hundred fifty five and paise eighteen only) as on 23 Nov 2021 and interest from 04 Nov 2021 and charges thereon.

The borrowers'/guarantors'/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Item No. 1 (Area under phase – I of the project)

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 80,912.00 square feet or 7,517.00 square metre (after leaving out 8,999 square feet or 836.00 square metre earmarked for OSR and gifted to the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority out of a total extent of 89,910 square feet or 8,353 square metre) together with multi-storeyed residential apartments to be constructed thereon along with a club house, comprised in Sy. Nos.258/2A, 258/3, 258/4A, 258/5A, 284/2, 284/5, 284/8, 284/9, 284/10 & 284/12 (respectively referred to as Town Survey Nos. 32/2, 32/3, 32/4, 32/5, 31/2, 31/5, 31/8, 31/9, 31/10 & 31/12) situated in Ward – D, Block No. 49, Zameen Pallavaram Village, (MMRD Road, Chennai), Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, being Phase – I of residential project called "Mantri Serene" lying within the registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Pallavaram.

Old Sy.no	Town Sy.no	Extent in sft	Boundaries
284/2	31/2	22,604	East:T.S.No.30, West: Water Channel in T.S.No. 31/6, North: T.S.No. 30 & 31/1, South: T.S.No. 31/7, 31/8, 31/9 & 31/10.
284/8	31/8	4,306	East:T.S.No.31/9, West:T.S.No. 31/7, North: T.S.No. 31/2, South:T.S.No.31/12,
284/10	31/10	2,691	East: T.S.No. 30West: T.S.No. 31/9North: T.S.No.31/2, South: T.S.No. 31/11
284/5	31/5	17,222	East:T.S.No, 31/15, West: D Ward block 45,North:T.S.NO. 31/4, South: T.S.No. 32
284/9	31/9	2,691	East:T.S.No. 31/10,West:T.S.No.31/8,North: T.S.No. 31/2,South: T.S.No. 31/11
284/12	31/12	13,455	East:T.S.No. 31/11& 31/13, West: T.S.No.31/15, North: T.S.No. 31/17 & 31/8, South: T.S.No. 32
258/2A	32/2	6,458	East:Block No.49, West: T.S.No. 32/3& 32/4, North: T.S.NO. 32/1, South: 200 ft Road
258/3	32/3	7,405	East: Land in Sy. No. 258/2A, West: Land in Sy. No. 258/4A, North: Land in Sy. No. 284/5, South: Land in Sy. No. 258/4A
258/4A	32/4	9,591	East: T.S.No. 32/2 & 32/3, West: Block No. 45, Ward NO. D and T.S.No. 32/5, North: Block No. 45, Ward No. D, South: T.S.No. 32/5& 32/6
258/5A	32/5	3,487	East: Land in Sy. No. 258/4, West: :Land in Sy.No.432(Lake), North : Land in Sy.No.258/4A, South: 200ft Road.

Total Extent:89,910.00, Area gifted as OSR : 8,998.63 Balance Area mortgaged to LVB 80,911.37

Item No. 2 (Area under phase – II of the project)

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 75,176 square feet or 6,978.60 square metre (after leaving out 8,196 square feet or 761.40 square metre earmarked for OSR and gifted to the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority out of a total extent of 83,372 square feet or 7,740 square metre) together with multi-storeyed residential apartments to be constructed thereon along with a club house, comprised in Sy. Nos. 259/5A, 281/1, 281/2, 283/10, 283/12 and 284/14 (respectively referred to as Town Survey Nos. 35/5, 29/1, 29/2 part, 30/10, 30/12 part, 31/14) situated in Ward – D, Block No. 49, Zameen Pallavaram Village, (MMRD Road, Chennai), Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, being Phase – II of residential project called "Mantri Serene" lying within the registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Pallavaram.

Old Sy.no	Town Sy.no	Extent in sft	Boundaries
281/1	29/1	1,076	East: T.S.No.29/2, West: T.S.No. 35, North: T.S.No. 29/2, South: T.S.No.29/10
281/2	29/2 (Part)	22,604	East: T.S.No. 29/6,29/5 & 29/3, West: T.S.No. 30,35 & 29/1, North: T.S.No.30, South: T.S.No.29/1 & 29/10
284/14	31/14	4,843	East: T.S.No. 30West: T.S.No. 31/13North: T.S.No. 284/11South: T.S.No. 35
283/10	30/10	39,827	East: T.S.NO. 29, 30/19 & 30/12,West: T.S.No.30/11, 30/12, &31, North: T.S.No. 30/13, 30/9 & 31, South: T.S.No. 30/11,35 &29
283/12	30/12 (part)	10,226	East: T.S.No. 30/10 & 29,West: T.S.No. 30/10,North: T.S.No. 30/11, South: T.S.No. 35.
259/5A	35/5	4,796	East: Sy. No. 259/1 (i.e., Channel), West: Sy. No. 259/4A, North: sy.No. 259/1 (i.e, Channel), South: Sy. No. 259/5B (i.e, 200ft Road)

Total Extent : 83,372.00, Area gifted as OSR 8,195.64 , Balance Area mortgaged to LVB 75,176.36

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 26.11.2021

Authorised Officer
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Regional Office, Bengaluru.

₹5,319 crore invested in Indian markets by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in November

Silver ETFs a new option for investors to diversify portfolio

Sebi has come out with operating norms for silver ETFs that would allow investors to invest in the metal apart from holding it in physical and e-silver forms

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INVESTORS in India now have a new investment option in Silver Exchange-traded Funds (ETFs). Silver ETFs will finally be a reality 14 years after the first Gold ETF was launched in 2007 by Benchmark Asset Management Company, which was later acquired by Goldman Sachs Mutual Fund.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has paved the way for the Silver ETFs after it recently came out with operating norms for silver ETFs.

The basics norms

According to the new norms, the objective of Silver ETFs would be to generate returns that are in line with the performance of physical silver in domestic prices, subject to tracking error.

A silver ETF scheme should invest at least 95% of the net assets value in silver and silver-related instruments. The ETFs should be benchmarked to physical silver of standard 30 kg bars with fineness of 999 parts per thousand (or 99.9% purity) confirming to London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) good delivery standards.

The new norms require physical verification of silver underlying the Silver ETF units be carried out by the statutory auditor of the mutual fund.

The silver ETF norms further require that the tracking error -- the difference in daily returns between physical silver and the NAV of Silver ETF – should not exceed 2%. However, the tracking error may exceed 2% under unavoidable circumstances which are beyond the control of a mutual fund house.

Silver as an investment option

Unlike gold, which is considered a precious metal, and is stored for years in the form of bars by governments, central banks, and jewellery by individuals, silver is more an industrial metal (apart from also being a precious metal) used in the manufacture of solar cells, electrical and electronic equipment, industrial fabrication, medicine, etc.

Large-scale use of silver for industrial purpose as well as for making jewellery and other silverwares makes it an important metal with potential price upside in future.

The global annual consumption of silver in 2021 is expected to be around 1,033 million ounce compared to total likely mining of 846 million ounce. Over the past 15 years, the silver mining capacity has not seen a significant jump. In 2005, total silver mined was 740 million ounce which increased to 800 million ounce in 2020.

Over the last 20 years, silver prices in India has moved from ₹7,500 a kg to ₹63,000 levels (as on 27 November 2021). This year in June silver prices had even crossed ₹71,000 a kg before falling to ₹63,000 levels.

With Silver ETFs, now the investors would have a new avenue to invest in the metal apart from holding it in physical and e-silver forms. Hemen Bhatia, deputy Head - ETF, Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd says, "With SEBI laying regulations for Silver ETFs, it will become very convenient for investors to have exposure to Silver as a commodity in a transparent manner, in addition to their exposure to Gold."

"Through e-silver or silver ETFs, investors will be able to retain silver contract for long-term and they can accumulate silver in small amounts without having to keep it physically. In the 10% of the portfolio that one must keep for bullion investment, silver could be a good option and will add value surely," says Shivanand Pandit, a Goa-based investment advisor.

Silver ETFs vis-à-vis Gold ETFs

The allure for gold is known globally, more so in India. Therefore, gold ETFs have been very popular world over. As per the World Gold Council, global gold ETF holdings at the end of September were just under 3,600 tonnes.

Global gold ETFs added more than 1,200 tonnes to their holdings between 2019 and 2020. Despite fluctuations in the gold price and rising interest rates, global ETF holdings have since then remained relatively steady, declining by only 7% after peaking at just below 4,000t during fourth quarter of 2020.

Gold ETFs have been available in India for the past over 14 years. As per the data available with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), there are 11 Gold ETFs currently available in the market. They together account for ₹17,300 crore investments from over 26 lakh folios.

Could Silver ETFs be able to generate the kind of interest that gold ETFs does globally? Vijay Mantri, founder and chief investment strategist, JRL Money, says that though silver is consumed in a big way in India especially in rural areas, silver prices would be much more volatile than gold.

Fluctuation in industrial demand makes silver prices more volatile than gold. Gold is held more valuable by central banks, governments as well as investors as a hedge against inflation. Moreover, silver cannot match the love for gold that Indians as well as people in other parts of the world have.

Despite the disadvantages over gold, silver ETFs would be an interesting addition to the portfolio purely for the purpose of diversification.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Silver ETFs should be benchmarked to physical silver of standard **30 kg** bars off **99.9% purity** confirming to London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) standards
- A maximum **tracking error of 2%** is allowed under silver ETFs. However, the tracking error **may exceed 2%** under unavoidable circumstances.
- A SILVER ETF SCHEME SHOULD INVEST **AT LEAST 95%** OF THE NET ASSETS VALUE IN SILVER AND SILVER-RELATED INSTRUMENTS.
- **Physical verification** of silver underlying the Silver ETF units be carried out by the **mutual fund** and it should be reported by the fund house every six months.

MONEY-WISE

ELSS AND THE TAX-SAVING SEASON AHEAD

IT is that time of the calendar year when many taxpayers wake up to the need of completing their Tax-saving investments. While there are multiple options on offer, the sole pure equity option on offer in this category is the Equity Linked Saving Scheme (ELSS) offered by Mutual Fund houses.

The 3-year performance of the ELSS as compared to its alternative tax-saving instruments has been superior more often than not. The reason for focusing on three-year returns here is simply because the lock-in period for ELSS is three years which makes it the shortest tenure tax-saving instrument.

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Another popular option is the Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) product offered by Insurance companies, where the lock-in is restricted to five years though ideally one should hold it for longer tenure to optimise returns. In case of ULIPs, the investor also has two-way fungibility between Equity and Debt.

For almost all the remaining Tax-saving instruments, the underlying investment vehicle is debt and the minimum lock-in period is at least five years with most being even longer.

Of such investment options, the Public Provident Fund (PPF) remains the most popular tax-saving debt based investment for those averse to equity. The lock-in period is five times longer though in this case, though the returns unlike ELSS are still tax-free.

Besides its plus points of being the only tax-saving instrument where the underlying asset class is equity and its being locked in for just three years, there is another unique feature that the ELSS offers investors.

Once the funds complete three years of investment, the same can be redeemed and reinvested without having to bother about a fresh infusion of funds to save taxes under Section 80C. Hence, the outflows can be restricted to three years and thereafter, the funds can be rolled over if needed, thus not impacting a tax payer's liquidity.

Let us now zero in on the performance of a couple of ELSS funds with a reasonable track record over three years.

DSP Tax Saver Fund has an AUM of ₹9,805 crore and currently holds a mix of Large caps (67%) and Mid caps (28%) with the balance 5% in Small caps. This fund's three-year returns are around 23%.

Invesco India Tax Plan has an AUM of ₹1,898 crore. It currently holds Large Caps (around 66%), Mid caps (24%) and Small Caps (10%). This fund has delivered returns of around 21% over three years.

One suggestion I always make while discussing ELSS with anyone is that investors in ELSS would do well to consider completing it during the early part of the year so that their compounding tenure increases. Alternatively, plan it as an SIP and let it run on auto-pilot for at least three years.

RAJAS KELKAR

WHAT YOU SHOULD 'CANCEL' IN 2022

YOU may have heard of the 'cancel' culture. It means calling it out loud. The idea is to make a loud noise to spread awareness and then end a culture that causes fellow human beings to suffer. It could also mean realising things that are wrong around you and changing them.

There are so many things wrong with our attitude towards money. It is time to cancel and call out those habits. As the year draws to a close, you need to usher in a change that would set ground rules for the way you manage your money.

Your decisions

When planning your financial future, it is a good idea to take professional help. A financial advisor will be the first team member that you would create to discuss money-related issues. You may have delayed that decision for any reason. It is time to act on it quickly. Your family members can be other people in your investment team. If you are not into finance, it is good to discuss the merits of all possible investment avenues with the team. Personal finance includes your bank accounts, insurance, tax planning and investments. If you have too many bank accounts, you may want to consolidate your savings into two or a maximum of three bank accounts. Check nominations and ensure that they are done. The same holds for your investments. You must discuss your insurance needs and check if the health insurance plan is adequate. A similar review is needed for your life insurance. Your life insurance must comfortably cover any liabilities your family could face in case something happens to you. In short, operation clean-up must be a regular feature for all things finance. Your financial advisor would help you organise your finances better.

Falling for biases

Our biases drive our investments very often. You cannot follow others with investing just because someone else was lucky to be there at the right time. Many of you have begun trading in the stock market. A lot of you have been courageous to even go after cryptocurrencies. You made such moves because someone else you know did it. That is the worst reason to put your hard-earned money. You need to understand that financial markets move in cycles. Profitability of companies influences stock markets. Fixed income markets move on the back of the inflation and interest rate trends. You need to keep yourself informed and make efforts. You need to cancel on the lethargy that makes you shy away from finance.

Being responsible

Your investments should follow the path of your dreams. You need to convert those dreams into financial goals. That ensures that your investments have specific directions. It does not matter if someone else makes a quick buck. As long as you are on your path towards your goals, you should not let short-term trends bother you. When investing in the stock market, the onus is on you to make the most of the information available to you. There is a lot of internal and external environment that influences equity prices. Indian shares have outperformed emerging market peers in 2021. They may or may not repeat the same performance.

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Equity prices today are linked to expectations of profits for tomorrow. Sectors like consumer technology, financial services, healthcare, technology services, infrastructure would continue to see new investment each year. Companies in these sectors are likely to do better than others. Your asset allocation will play a critical role in helping you reach your financial goals. Those could be to retire early or start a new business.

You may dream of owning a home in a big city or buying another one. All that needs you to be responsible. You need to cancel the habit of blaming others. Nobody else can hurt your ability to make adequate gains if you are saving and investing regularly. You may buy shares directly or indirectly through mutual funds. As long as you invest in companies with solid financials or mutual funds with a consistent track record, you will march towards your goals. The trick is to give your money the time it deserves to grow.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

EXPRESS READ

LIC Mutual Fund looks to take AUM to `25,000 cr

MUMBAI: LIC Mutual Fund, heavily dependent on debt schemes with over 90% of its schemes in that segment, hopes to double its recently launched equity fund to `2,000 crore by end of December and close the fiscal year with a cumulative AUM of `25,000 crore. LIC AMC is one of the oldest fund houses but has been a passive player keeping the parent LIC's risk-averse investing culture.

PNB's National Steel & Agro Industries for sale

NEW DELHI: Punjab National Bank (PNB) has put up the National Steel and Agro Industries for sale to recover its outstanding of nearly `200 crore. The steel company has a balance outstanding of `199.90 crore to the bank. "We intend to place the account for sale to ARCs/ NBFCs/other banks/FIs, on the terms and conditions stipulated in the bank's policy, in line with the regulatory guidelines," PNB said.

NEW PLANS

Jio announces up to 21% hike in tariffs from December 1

NEW DELHI: After Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, India's largest mobile operator Reliance Jio on Sunday announced up to 21% hike in its prepaid tariffs from next month of December.

The tariff hikes entail JioPhone Plan, Unlimited Plans, and data add on, and range between 19.6% and 21.3%.

"In line with its commitment to further strengthen a sustainable telecom industry, where every Indian is empowered with a true digital life, Jio today announced its new unlimited plans. These plans will provide the best value in the industry," Reliance Jio said in a statement.

The statement further added: "Upholding the Jio promise of providing the best-quality service at the lowest price globally, Jio customers will continue to be the biggest beneficiaries".

The new unlimited plans will go-live on December 1, 2021, and can be opted from existing touchpoints and channels.

Airtel and Vodafone Idea last week had announced up to 25% hike in their prepaid plans tariffs to improve financials.

In the July-September quarter, the Mukesh Ambani-owned company lost over 11 million subscribers to end the quarter with 429.5 million users. *PTI*

Two IPOs to hit mkt next week to raise ₹7,868 crore

NEW DELHI: Two companies Star Health and Allied Insurance Company and Tega Industries are set to float their initial public offerings (IPOs) next week to cumulatively raise ₹7,868 crore.

The three-day initial share-sale of Star Health will open on November 30 and conclude on December 2, while that of Tega Industries will be open for public subscription during December 1-3.

This comes after 10 firms successfully concluded their initial public offerings in November.

So far in 2021, as many as 51 companies have launched their IPOs to raise over Rs 1 lakh crore, according to analysis of data with exchanges.

Apart from these, PowerGrid InvIT, the infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) sponsored by the Power Grid Corporation of India, mopped up ₹7,735 crore through its IPO and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust raised ₹3,800 crore via its initial share-sale.

The fund raising so far this year is way higher than ₹26,611 crore collected by 15 companies through initial share sales in the entire 2020.

Such impressive fund raising through IPOs was last seen in 2017 when firms mobilized ₹67,147 crore through 36 IPOs. Star Health's IPO comprises fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹2,000 crore and an offer for sale of up to 58,324,225 equity shares by promoters and existing shareholders.

Star Health has fixed a price band of ₹870-900 a share and at the upper end of the price band, the initial share sale is expected to fetch ₹7,249.18 crore. Proceeds from the fresh issue would be used to augment the company's capital base.

The IPO of Tega Industries, manufacturer of consumables for the mining industry, is purely an offer of sale 1,36,69,478 equity shares by promoters and an existing shareholder. *PTI*

Omicron to dictate equity markets this week

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@ New Delhi

OMICRON, the new Covid variant which is considered much stronger than the delta variant, is expected to dictate India's as well as global equity market this week after pulling down benchmark indexes-Sensex and Nifty50- by nearly 3% in a single session on Friday. This was one of the steepest falls India's equity market experienced in 2021.

"Covid related developments will remain key triggers for the market where the market will remain keenly interested to know the efficacy ratios of various vaccines against a new variant of Covid whereas restrictions-related news across the globe will also cause volatility," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

He adds that behavior of FIIs will also play an important role in the direction of our market because they are selling relentlessly for the last many days where they sold worth ₹21000 crore in the cash market last week and if we look at Oct-Nov month data then they have sold more than ₹50000 crore in the Indian market.

Similarly, Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities, said that the new variant of Covid is presenting challenges in the form of lockdowns and travel bans. He added that apart from Covid related concerns, inflation remains a worry for countries across the globe. This, according to many experts, can force central banks of nations to increase interest rates, which is a big negative for share market.

"Inflation being a key factor will be at the centre of all news in the next two weeks since the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meet is scheduled in December. Further, a slew of listing flops in IPOs in the coming weeks could also indicate the slow drying up of liquidity from the markets in general. November monthly auto sales numbers can be a trigger to drive some movement in the coming week," said Yesha Shah, Head of Equity Research, Samco Securities.

Sensex and Nifty lost more than 4% in the week ended November 26. When compared with the peck of October 19, the two indices have corrected more than 8%. This correction has wiped out investors' wealth by ₹16 lakh crore in the same period. Nifty50 plunged 738.35 points to 17,026.45, while the BSE Sensex was down 2,528.86 points at 57,107.15. According to numerous market experts, the next major support for Nifty is now placed at 16500.

This fall from record high in just one month was bound to happen as valuations of India's equity market even at present level seem overstretched.

Indian markets see fall from record highs

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

INFOSYS
Current Price ₹1689.55
Target Price ₹1,960

While there are near-term headwinds from supply side, we expect them to normalise over the next couple of quarters. We continue to see it as a key beneficiary of an acceleration in IT spends, given its capabilities around cloud & digital transformation. We reiterate Buy rating.
— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *The New Indian Express*.

Williams, founder of Formula One team, dies

Sir Frank Williams, the founder and former team principal of Williams Racing, has died. He was 79. Williams took his motor racing team from an empty carpet warehouse to the summit of Formula One, overseeing 114 wins, a combined 16 drivers' & constructors' world championships, while becoming the longest-serving team boss in the sport's history.

LOWER ORDER SETS HOUSE IN ORDER

Pujara, Rahane continue woeful run as Shreyas & Saha play rescue act; India need 9 wickets, NZ 280 runs to win

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

WITH every outing and low returns, the pressure is only increasing on Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane. With KL Rahul, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma sitting out of this Test, this was an opportunity for the middle-order duo to stand up and make it count and silence all the noise. Instead on Day 4 at Green Park Stadium in Kanpur, they put themselves in further tight spot as their woeful form with the bat continued. If not for debutant Shreyas Iyer, Wriddhiman Saha and the contribution of the lower-order, this Test may not have gone into Day 5. Thanks to their efforts, after setting New Zealand a target of 284, R Ashwin removed Will Young as the Kiwis need 280 on Day 5.

On a day where Pujara (22) and Rahane (4) failed to induce any confidence, that Shreyas scored vital runs only adds more pressure on the duo with the tour of South Africa coming soon. Over the past 12 months, the performance of the other batters has allowed Pujara and Rahane to breathe easy, but it is getting more and more tight for them. The Mumbai Test starting on December 3 could turn out to be a litmus test for both, although there is no guarantee that the two batters will get to play at Wankhede.

India's Axar Patel bowls to New Zealand's William Somerville on Day 4 of their first Test in Kanpur on Sunday | AP

Shreyas, who looked assured against both the pacers and spinners, stands a good chance to hold on to his place with Kohli set for comeback in the second Test. Unless India decide to play seven batters, only two of Pujara, Rahane and Shreyas can make the cut as the team management has a tough choice to make. While Pujara's and Rahane's form are cause of concern, especially when they play only five regular batters, India are also looking to groom a middle-order bat with an eye on the future. With a tough South Africa tour coming up, India were looking to make the transition next year, however with the duo showing no signs of returning to form, it remains to be seen if they make the changes now.

Speaking at the end of play, India's batting coach Vikram Rathour threw his weight behind Pujara and Rahane, pointing out that their experience is something this team still needs.

"Of course we want our top order to contribute, but the cricketers you mentioned have played 80 and 90 Tests so they have the experience. I understand both of them are going through a lean phase but they have played very very important knocks for us in the past, and we are pretty sure they will come back and play more important knocks for our team in the future," Rathour said.

Rathour did not commit to anything when asked about the situation where Kohli comes in for the next game with Shreyas having scored a ton. In that sense, Sunday was an opportunity lost for Pujara and Rahane.

There were no demons in the track and the slow nature presented a chance to spend time in the middle and find runs, instead they were far from their usual best. That meant, India had a horrid start as New Zealand reduced them to 51-5 in the first session.

From there on Shreyas (65) steadied India in the company of R Ashwin (32) before Wriddhiman Saha (61 n.o) and Axar Patel (28) took the team beyond a safe total.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: 345

New Zealand 1st innings: 296

India 2nd innings (O/N 14-1): Agarwal c Latham b Southee 17, Pujara c Blundell b Jamieson 22, Rahane lbw Ajaz 4, Shreyas c Blundell b Southee 65, Jadeja lbw Southee 0, Ashwin b Jamieson 32, Saha (not out) 61, Axar (not out) 28. Extras: (b 3, lb 1) 4,

Total (seven wickets, 81 ovs, dec) **234.**

FOW: 1-2, 2-32, 3-41, 4-51, 5-51, 6-103, 7-167.

Bowling: Southee 22-2-75-3, Jamieson 17-6-40-3, Ajaz 17-3-60-1, Rachin 9-3-17-0, Somerville 16-2-38-0.

New Zealand 2nd innings: Latham (batting) 2, Young lbw Ashwin 2, Somerville (batting) 0, Extras 0, **Total** (1 wicket, 4 overs) **4.**

FOW: 1-3

Bowling: Ashwin 2-0-3-1, Axar 2-1-1-0.

'If you speak players' language, they will adapt or else they quit'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bhubaneswar

IT'S fair to argue that international hockey wouldn't be the same without Pakistan's foresight and innovation. The World Cup and the now defunct Champions Trophy, two of the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) blue-riband products, were conceived by them. In recent times, though, the country has fallen behind in the sport. While others have taken the elevator and adapted to modern methods, they staunchly stick to a sepia-toned era. Fitness, as seen during the ongoing junior World Cup in Bhubaneswar, is an area which continues to elude them.

There are other problems, too. According to the FIH, the country doesn't have a single FIH accredited turf. They were supposed to play in the inaugural edition of the Pro League but were evicted by FIH after they informed the world body of a fund crunch. They haven't qualified for the last two Olympics and have won three World Cup matches in 17 games from 2006. Suffice to say, they are not in a good place right now. The coach entrusted with resuscitating the country's hockey fortunes is Dutchman Siegfried Aikman. Aikman, who has Indian roots, led Japan's charge for the last two years. In a wide-ranging interview with this daily, the 62-year-old touched upon his vision, importance of modern coaching and what he thinks of Pakistan hockey. Excerpts:

On how the opportunity arose

In September, I was asked if I was interested. I liked the challenge, I think it's a fantastic opportunity to help Asian hockey grow. Pakistan should be one of the leading teams in the world. They have the potential but like India, need time. That's why I have a long-term contract (five years) to not just work with the team but also improve the coaching structure.

On whether he has been able to identify some of the issues

I know some things. Olympians are in charge and they do things they did years ago. They have to change. They need to get the knowledge, understand the modern way of coaching. They are from another era, the youngsters now grow up with the internet, with many possibilities. So they have a totally different life, different way of communication, thinking. It is very interesting to see how they will develop. If you speak their language, they will adapt. If not, they will give up hockey and lose interest.

How did you see them when you were opposition coach?

They are skillful but physically not fit enough to play modern hockey. Technically, they are unable to use their skills to play modern hockey. They make many unforced errors, get tired, decision-making is not so up to the mark and their tactical concepts are a litte bit old-fashioned. There is a lot of playing space behind their lines to be successful.

Full interview : newindianexpress.com

Ghosal creates history after two rocky months

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bhubaneswar

WHEN Saurav Ghosal was in the US to take part in the Oracle Netsuite Open (September 23-27) and the US Open (October 1-6), he wasn't feeling all that well. He had lost in the first round in both events, one of them to World No 1 (Ali Farag). He was also battling a bacterial infection and 'wasn't feeling great'. Did have a hard few months, mentally wasn't the easiest," he remembers.

Less than two months later, in Kuala Lumpur, Ghosal turned around his fortunes to become the first Indian to win the Malaysian Open Championships, a PSA World Tour Bronze Event, on Saturday. It's been a challenging time for the World No 15 of late. Forget the fact this was his first PSA title in three years, he has had trouble even going deep in tournaments. Coming into the event, he had reached the semifinal or beyond in only two of his last 19 events dating back to the China Open in 2019.

However, the 35-year-old said it just clicked for him this last week. "Even if I hadn't the results, I felt I was playing well the last few weeks," he says. "It's not like something happened overnight. I didn't do anything the last week I hadn't been doing earlier, it's just that it clicked this time.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Bengaluru, Blasters share spoils in ISL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

IN the short history of the Indian Super League, the contests between Kerala Blasters and Bengaluru FC have garnered a lot of attention thanks to their passionate fan bases.

While the Bengaluru faithful have enjoyed better memories thanks to success and silverware, Blasters fans have had little to cheer about but have been still devoted to their team. Bengaluru's struggles in recent seasons meant that both sides looked towards the new season with newfound optimism.

However, at the Athletic Stadium in Bengaluru on Sunday, the two played out a helter-skelter game, which could be an indication that they are still finding their feet under new coaches and a period of transition.

Fittingly, the standout moments were not moments of brilliance but glaring mistakes from the players as they played out a 1-1 draw. While a lapse in concentration by Blasters goalkeeper Albino Gomes helped Ashique Kuruniyan score, they drew level when the same player scored an own goal at the other end.

Barring a lot of drama towards the end, it was a lacklustre game of football. In the first half, if Bengaluru were dealing in sterile possession with no output, individual players stood out for Blasters with little collective impact.

What stood out from the game were match-ups between individuals. Former teammates Sunil Chhetri and Harmanjot Khabra were involved in an intense battle with the former Bengaluru man coming out on top. Down the wings, pace merchants Vincy Barretto and Ashique were trying to stretch each other while the likes of Sahal Abdul Samad and Adrian Luna tried to influence the game on their own with little effect.

In the first half, Bengaluru enjoyed bulk of possession but were sluggish in moving the ball into the final third. The likes of Cleiton Silva and Chhetri cut isolated figures upfront.

Just when it looked like the game was heading for a draw, Kuruniyan tried his luck from outside the box and what should have been a routine save spilled through the gloves of Albino into the net. Just minutes later, Ashique ended up slamming the ball into his own net when trying to clear a dangerous ball into the box by Marko Leskovic.

At the end, a draw was a fair result.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Pool C South Korea 0-9 Spain, Netherlands 14-0 USA, Pool D Pakistan 3-4 Argentina, Germany 11-0 Egypt.

EXPRESS READ

Manchester City second after win over West Ham

LONDON: Manchester City beat West Ham 2-1 on Sunday to return to second in the Premier League. Free-scoring Liverpool laid down the gauntlet by hammering Southampton 4-0 the previous day to move to within one point of leaders Chelsea. But City stayed in touch with victory over West Ham as the Premier League increasingly resembles a three-horse race.

Renne, Laalitya cruise into second round

BENGALURU: Renne Singla and Laalitya Kalluri scored upset victories to enter second round of the qualifiers of the USD 15K KSLTA ITF World Women's Tennis Tour Championship here on Sunday. Renne sent fourth seed Smriti Bhasin home with a 6-4, 7-5 win, Laalitya won the battle of double faults against Niditra Rajmohan in three sets 6-1, 2-6, 10-6.

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Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial & technical capacity for following work(s):

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/MYS/PO&M/PKB/WO/2021/028**
Name of work	Miscellaneous Mechanical works in Building – 18 at BARC, Mysuru.
Estimated Cost	₹ **3,42,000.00** (Rupees Three lakhs forty two thousand only)
Completion Period	**Twenty-four (24) Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	Nil
Tender Sale Period	From **29/11/2021 (11:00 Hrs.)** to **09/12/2021 upto 16:00 Hrs.**

Interested Tenderer's may please **contact 0821 – 2406730 / 2406534 / 2406562** for details of NIT. They may also contact at the following **email: *pbiswas@barc.gov.in***

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Tender Reference No.	**BARC (M)/PO&M/RK/EOT/WT-2/1/2021-22**
Name of work	Preventive Maintenance , Breakdown maintenance and load testing etc. For various capacities of EOT cranes & monorail hoists, Transport Wagaons, Loading stands, unloading stands etc. at BARC, Mysore.
Estimated Cost	**₹ 40 Lakh (Rupees forty Lakhs only)**
Period of Completion	**Twelve (12) Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	Nil
Tender Sale Period	From **29. 11.2021 (11:00 Hrs.) to 08.12.2021** upto **15.00Hrs**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site ***www. eprocure.gov.in /dae*** and ***www.barc.gov.in***

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Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer(s) / contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl No.	Description	Approx. Value Rs. in (Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of Completion in Months
1.	Manual Deep Screening of track in Trichur P.way section	60.00	NIL	Six
2.	Divisional Engineer / South Jurisdiction - Secondary track Renewal works - (a) CTR(S) 0.145 Km (b) TRR (S) 4.273 km. (PB 790/21-22)	61.72	NIL	Twelve
3.	Opening and repairs to level crossings in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Nagercoil sub-division.	91.27	NIL	Twenty Four
4.	ZONE A - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works - From KM.1.850 to KM.33.860 (Vallatholnagar & Trichur stations both INCLUSIVE) & Trichur - Guruvayur LINE KM 0.000 to 22.630 (INCL.GUV) -Trichur permanent way section.	28.80	57600	Twelve
5.	Trivandrum Division - Deepscreening of track by BCM in Ernakulam - Kottayam section.	63.45	NIL	Twelve
6.	Sr. Divisional Engineer North Jurisdiction - Supply and installation of track based way side gauge face rail lubricators electronic type	38.40	NIL	Eight
7.	Divisional Engineer South Jurisdiction - Supply and intallation of track based way side gauge face rail lubricators electronic type	38.40	NIL	Eight
8.	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Ernakulam sub-division Overhauling and maintenance of LC lifting barriers.	62.56	NIL	Twelve
9.	Kayamkulam - Trivandrum - Renewal of corroded channel sleepers in Mavelikkara P.way section 350 Nos. (Br.No. 27 DN, 43 UP, 111 UP)	100.55	NIL	Twelve
10.	TVC - Divisional office complex provision of Lift to Annexure building	17.99	NIL	Four
11.	MVLK & QLN P.Way sections - Through Fittings Renewal of plain track & Points	109.35	NIL	Twelve
12.	Ernakulam & Alwaye P.Way sections - Through Fittings Renewal	123.40	NIL	Twelve
13.	TVC Division - Detailed video graphic under water inspection of specified bridges and other structures and under water inspection by Remote operated Robotic Vehicle (RORV) for Br. No.EAK-31 at km:10/230 between Kumbalam and Aroor stations.	32.31	NIL	Four
14.	Chalakudi P.Way section - ERC greaching, boxing of ballast, painting of rails & other maintenance works in P.Way to eliminate deficiencies in track.	84.53	NIL	Twelve
15.	TCR-Sub division: - Elimination of shortfall in Minimum Essential Amenities at stations.	165.77	NIL	Twelve
16.	Ernakulam Marshalling Yard Coaching Depot: Provision of Water Recycling Plant.	159.30	NIL	Fifteen

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MUTANT SCARE

13 fliers from South Africa test positive in Holland. Other EU nations, too, report cases. Scientists evaluating its threat potential

OMICRON SLIPS THROUGH SEALED BORDERS

COVID

THE HAGUE: A new, heavily mutated Covid-19 variant spread across the globe on Sunday, shutting borders, renewing curbs, and sparking fears for the fight against the nearly two-year-old coronavirus pandemic. Dutch health authorities said they had identified at least 13 cases of Omicron among 61 quarantined passengers who tested positive for coronavirus after arriving from South Africa.

"The investigation has not yet been completed. The new variant may be found in more test samples," the National Institute for Public Health warned. Despite the alarm, in **Austria** tens of thousands rallied to protest against the government's introduction of compulsory vaccination -- the first EU country to do so.

Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg said it was "a minor interference" compared to the alternative for a country with one of the lowest vaccination rates in Western Europe. With many European nations, including Germany and France, already bringing back curbs to counter surges in infections, Swiss voters broadly backed a proposed Covid pass law in a referendum on Sunday.

In **Britain**, Health Secretary Avid Javid said new Covid rules will be enforced from Tuesday. Mask-wearing will again be mandatory in shops and on public transport in England. All passengers arriving in Britain will have to take a PCR test and self-isolate until negative.

Scientists are racing to determine the threat posed by the heavily mutated strain -- particularly whether it can evade existing vaccines.

Widespread travel ban

But a long list of countries have already imposed travel restrictions on southern Africa, where it was first detected, including key travel hub Qatar, the United States, Britain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Netherlands.

Angola became the first southern African country to suspend all flights from its regional neighbours Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa.Israel announced some of the strictest curbs, closing the borders to all foreigners -- just four weeks after reopening to tourists following a prolonged closure due to Covid.

"We are raising a red flag," Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said. Ten million PCR test kits would be ordered to stem the "very dangerous" strain.

Israeli citizens will be required to present a negative PCR test and quarantine for three days if they have been vaccinated against the coronavirus and seven days if they have not. But the virus strain has already slipped through the net, and has now been found everywhere from the Netherlands to Hong Kong and Australia.

The arrival of the new variant comes just a month after Australia lifted a ban on travelling overseas without permission. Denmark confirmed its first Omicron infections, in two passengers who arrived on a flight from South Africa. The speed at which governments slammed their borders shut took many by surprise, with travellers thronging Johannesburg international airport, desperate to squeeze onto the last flights to countries that had imposed sudden travel bans.

> **We praise the scientists for the quick identification of the Omicron variant and the government for its transparency in sharing this info, which should serve as a model for the world**
>
> Anthony Blinken, US Secretary of State

Suspect cases mild, made full recovery: Doc

MEDICINE

PRETORIA: A South African doctor who raised the alarm over Omicron said on Sunday dozens of her patients suspected of having the new variant had only shown mild symptoms and recovered fully without hospitalisation.

Angelique Coetzee, chair of the South African Medical Association, told AFP she had seen around 30 patients over the past 10 days who tested positive for Covid-19 but had unfamiliar symptoms.

"What brought them to the surgery was this extreme tiredness," she said, speaking from Pretoria, where she practices. She said this was unusual for younger patients. Most were men aged under 40. Just under half were vaccinated.

They also had mild muscle aches, a "scratchy throat" and dry cough, she said. Only a few had a slightly high temperature. These very mild symptoms were different to other variants, which gave more severe symptoms.

Coetzee alerted health officials of a "clinical picture that doesn't fit Delta" -- South Africa's dominant variant -- on November 18, when she received the first seven of her 30-odd patients.

She said South African scientists had by then already picked up on the variant, then just known as B.1.1.529, which they announced on November 25.

LAST ARRIVALS

Miss universe contestants arrive at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport. Israel will close its borders to foreigners on Sunday to stem the spread of the new strain | AFP

New variant may push US into fifth wave, says Fauci

VACCINE

CHIEF Medical Adviser to US President Joe Biden, Anthony Fauci, on Sunday said the US has "the potential to go into a fifth wave" amid the detection of a new variant, stagnating vaccination rates and underwhelming administration of boosters. He said the newly discovered Omicron showed signs of heightened transmissibility.

Fauci's comment about a potential fifth wave comes as countries scramble to guard against Omicron, which has also stoked fears of potential vaccine resistance. "Well, right now what we have is we have the window into the mutations that are in this new variant, and they are troublesome in the fact that there are about 32 or more variants in that very important spike protein of the virus," Fauci said. "The profile of the mutations suggest that it's going to have an advantage in transmissibility and that it might evade immune protection and possibly even against some of the vaccine-induced antibodies," he added.

Britain to make masks must from Tuesday

Britain's government on Sunday defended the pace and scale of its response to the new Omicron strain against criticism that it was again falling behind the curve. Health Secretary Sajid Javid said mandatory mask-wearing will return to shops and public transport in England on Tuesday, and told families to plan for Christmas "as normal", despite new rules to combat the Omicron variant. Also from Tuesday, all passengers arriving in Britain are being instructed to take a PCR test for Covid-19

Don't open up, experts warn China

China is expected to continue its much-criticised Zero Covid policy, shutting the country to most of the world as a new study has warned of a "colossal outbreak" with over 6.30 lakh patients per day if it opens up. According to a report by the Peking University mathematicians, China could face more than 630,000 coronavirus infections a day if it dropped its zero-tolerance approach

Morocco bans all int'l flights for a fortnight

Morocco is suspending all incoming air travel from around the world starting Monday for two weeks, the Foreign Ministry announced Sunday. The ministry tweeted that the decision was taken to "preserve the achievements realized by Morocco in the fight against the pandemic, and to protect the health of citizens." Morocco kept its borders closed for months in 2020 because of the pandemic, fearing that its health system wouldn't be able to manage the surges of patients seen in nearby Europe

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

PLASTIC AND LAUGHING GAS TO FUEL ROCKETS

The great space rush just got a tad more exciting after a British company successfully completed the first test of a rocket engine powered by plastic waste. Pulsar Fusion, a nuclear fusion firm based in Bletchley, conducted successful tests at COTEC, a Ministry of Defence military base in Salisbury. Here's how it works

What's the fuel?

Plastic bottles and other waste can be melted down and cast into cylinder blocks that are loaded into the rocket prior to each firing

Where's the funding coming from?

Pulsar Fusion received UK government funding in September 2021 to further develop its 'hall effect thruster' plasma satellite engines, capable of 12.5 miles per second particle exhaust speeds

What are the propellants?

Pulsar Fusion's rocket engine is a hybrid – meaning it uses rocket propellants in two different phases (one solid and the other either gas or liquid). The 'green' rocket is powered by high density polyethylene (HDPE), which can be obtained from recycling, and nitrous oxide. The two fuels burn together to produce a non toxic plume

WHAT THE EXPERIMENT NETTED?

Last week's test demonstrated 'impressive visual plume effects' such as supersonic shock diamonds – the formation of standing wave patterns – which are typical of a high temperature rocket exhaust

FUTURE GOALS

4-YR
Target to produce a hyper-speed propulsion engine for interplanetary travel using nuclear fusion technologies

2025
The firm wants to develop nuclear fusion propulsion engines for static demonstration

2027
It wants to manufacture a nuclear fusion rocket engine to be launched and tested in orbit

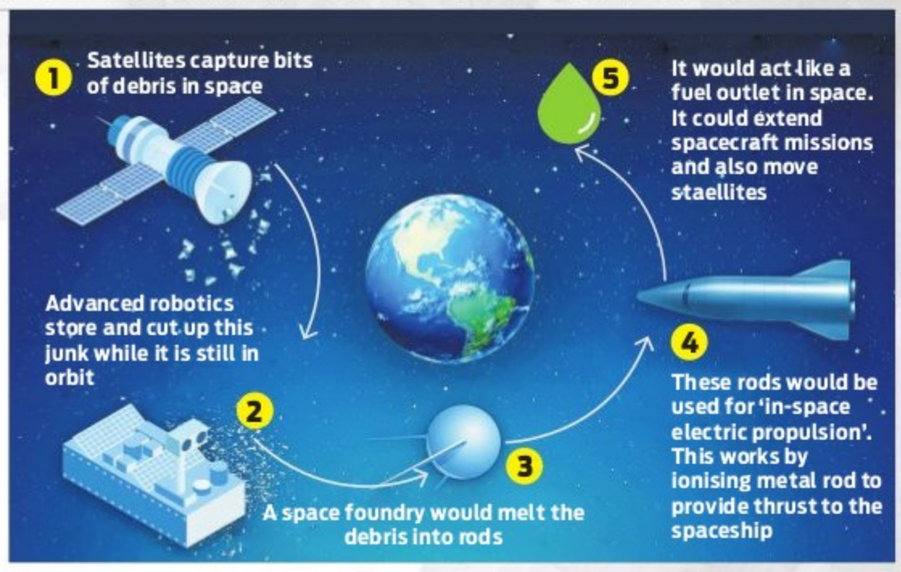
50%
The firm wants to reduce the travel time to Mars by half

10 mn DEGREE CELSIUS
The firm working on a prototype nuclear fusion reactor designed to create plasma hotter than the surface of the sun

SPACE JUNK INTO ROCKET FUEL

Scientists have revealed plans to transform space junk - debris in Earth's orbit - into rocket fuel and set up a 'gas station in space'

It involves satellites capturing bits of space junk, which whizzes around at speeds of up to **17,000 MPH,** before it is stored and then cut up using advanced robotics


1 Satellites capture bits of debris in space
2 Advanced robotics store and cut up this junk while it is still in orbit
3 A space foundry would melt the debris into rods
4 These rods would be used for 'in-space electric propulsion'. This works by ionising metal rod to provide thrust to the spaceship
5 It would act like a fuel outlet in space. It could extend spacecraft missions and also move staellites

A space foundry that is currently being developed would then melt the debris into metal rods, which would in turn be used as rocket fuel for an 'in-space electric propulsion system'

According to the European Space Agency (ESA), there is approximately 9,200 tons of space debris now floating aimlessly above the Earth, which can pose a danger to astronauts

A chip off the Moon tailing Earth in its orbit

SPACE

AN elsuive celestial object orbiting Earth may be a fragment of Moon, scientists concluded after studying the object known as 469219 Kamo oalewa for over five years. They suspected the fragment broke off from the Moon during one of the many impacts by meteors on the Moon. When viewed in infrared, the object, classified as asteroid, had silicates and mineral characteristics like the our natural satellite.

Researchers report the first detailed observations of a quasisatellite this month in Communications Earth & Environment. The 165-foot-long asteroid, also known as 2016 HO3, was discovered in 2016 when researchers spotted it with the Pan-STARRS PS1 telescope at the Haleakal Observatory in Hawai'i, reports Robin George Andrews for the New York Times. The instrument specializes in detecting asteroids. However, scientists were still unsure about Kamo oalewa's origin. Kamo oalewa, which means wobbling object in Hawaiian, is one of Earth's five known quasisatellites.

As quasisatellites orbit the sun, they stick close to Earth but never circle our planet as they weave in and out of its own path around the sun, reports Passant Rabie for Inverse. Kamo oalewa swings between 9 million miles—about 38 times further than the moon—and at most, 25 million miles away from Earth, per the New York Times. Not much is known about mysterious quasisatellites because of their small dimensions, distance, and ability to conceal themselves in the shadows. Kamo oalewa is the first quasisatellite to move within observing range of large telescopes, Sky and Telescope reports.

"An object in a quasisatellite orbit is interesting because it's very difficult to get into this kind of orbit — it's not the kind of orbit that an object from the asteroid belt could easily find itself in," says Richard Binzel, a planetary scientist at MIT who was not involved in the study, told Maria Temming for Science News. Because its orbit is nearly identical to Earth's, researchers suspect it may have come from within the Earth-moon system, Binzel adds.

OZ BILL ON BRINGING TROLLS TO BOOK

TECH

SYDNEY: Australia's government said Sunday it will introduce legislation to unmask online trolls, and hold social media giants like Facebook and Twitter responsible for identifying them. Prime Minister Scott Morrison, whose conservative coalition government faces an election in the first half of 2022, said the law would protect Australians from online abuse and harassment.

"The online world should not be a wild west where bots and bigots and trolls and others can just anonymously go around and harm people and hurt people, harass them and bully them and sledge them," Morrison told reporters."That is not what can happen in the real world, and there is no case for it to be able to be happening in the digital world."

Attorney General Michaelia Cash said the legislation, reportedly to be introduced to parliament by early 2022, was needed to clarify that the social media platforms, and not the users, were responsible for defamatory comments by other people. Confusion had been sown by a High Court ruling in September that found Australian media, as users managing their own pages on a social network, could be held liable for defamatory third-party comments posted on their pages, Cash said. Under the planned Australian legislation, the social media companies themselves would be responsible for such defamatory content, not the users, she said.

It would also aim to stop people making defamatory comments without being identified, she said. "You should not be able to use the cloak of online anonymity to spread your vile, defamatory comments," the attorney general said.

The legislation would demand that social media platforms have a nominated entity based in Australia, she said.

The platforms could defend themselves from being sued as the publisher of defamatory comment only if they complied with the new legislation's demands to have a complaints system in place that could provide the details of the person making the comment, if necessary, Cash said.

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Ram on his role in film MadhaGaja

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DAY'S DIARY

Video game release

Pong, one of the first video games to reach mainstream popularity, was officially released in its original arcade-game form by Atari on this day in 1972

THE GAME

It is a sports game featuring simple two-dimensional graphics. The aim is to defeat an opponent in a simulated table-tennis game by earning a higher score

MEET THE DESIGNER

It was designed by Allan Alcorn, an expert in electrical engineering and computer science, who was handed the project as a training exercise

A HIT GAME

The first coin operated Pong arcade game was installed at Andy Capp's, a tavern in Sunnyvale, California. It was an instantaneous hit

NO LAUGHING MATTER

EXPRESS FEATURES

After noted standup comedian Munawar Faruqui's shows were cancelled on Sunday, netizens were as furious as Faruqui for denying the artiste permission to perform. Singer MD Pallavi termed the incident "very unfortunate". "It is one thing to take offence about something, but another thing to not allow an artiste to perform. That's total injustice. I thought Bengaluru was more accommodating than this. It is a city where all kinds of artistes performed with an open mind. But what happened on Sunday in my city was shocking," she says.

Theatre practitioner Abhishek Iyengar was also "shocked" at the cancellation of the show. "Irrespective of an artiste's ideologies, he/she must be allowed to perform. All of this is so new and Bengaluru now is not the city I knew. Why do people jump to conclusions about the content? Every artsite has a right to perform," he says.

Writer Raghu Karnad took to Twitter to question the decision. "What does it even mean that "many states have been banned his comedy shows" (sic)? Banned how, under what law? (sic)."

Meanwhile, Faruqui took to social media to call it quits as a comic. He tweeted, "*Nafrat jeet hai, Artist haar gaya* (hate won, artiste lost). I'm done! Goodbye! Injustice. Putting me in jail for the joke to cancelling my shows which has nothing problematic in it. This is unfair. We called off 12 shows in the last two months because of the threats to venue and audience. I think this my end (sic)."

Munawar Faruqui

Anuja Chauhan's book, *Those Pricey Thakur Girls*, has been turned into an OTT series *Dil Bekaraar*; the author speaks about the adaptation of the book which reflects her own upbringing in the '80s

Page to screen

SANATH PRASAD

In a magnificent bungalow situated in the posh area of New Delhi's Hailey Road resides Justice Laxmi Narayan Thakur and his wife Mamta, who spend their days anxiously watching their five beautiful daughters. Set in the pre-liberalisation period, this is the life of girls from a 'privileged family' in the '80s and '90s. This is not just a story from the book *Those Pricey Thakur Girls* by **Anuja Chauhan**, but a partial reflection of Chauhan's life during the same period. And now, the book has been optioned to an OTT series called *Dil Bekaraar*, directed by Habib Faisal, and is currently streaming on Disney+ Hotstar.

The Bengaluru-based prolific writer recalls that this work was the most 'autobiographical' of all her books so far and was inspired by her own upbringing. "At the time of writing the book in 2010, my children were very young and there were no TV shows that were getting nostalgic about the '80s. I also recalled how I grew up with my elder sisters at home. This established the setting and the flavour of the book," says Chauhan, the daughter-in-law of veteran politician Margaret Alva.

The book is also an interplay between free journalism and the government's media mouthpiece, which Chauhan says was inspired by the works of her husband Niret Alva, a television producer.

Capturing the nostalgic mood and moments of an Indian family's lifestyle back in the day was quite a challenge for her. In fact, some publishers did not approve of her stories only because of the time frame it was set in. "I don't find any point in catching a trend because by the time the book comes out, the fad fizzles out. I am always compelled to write what I feel and go with my own gut," says Chauhan, whose other books — *Baaz* (Yash Raj Films) and *Battle for Bittora* (Anil Kapoor Film Company) — were optioned into film scripts.

One of the talking points of *Dil Bekaraar* is the character of the youngest sister, Debjani, who is fiery and combative in nature. Stressing on how the character came into being, Chauhan says, "We are four sisters at home and I was the youngest. I was conscious of the fact that we were a family of girls with energy. I also had this sense of living in Jane Austin's world. Taking a cue from these instances, I wanted to write about the youngest girl who is always pampered and lives in a cocooned world. The graph of this character was very interesting," says Chauhan.

In *Dil Bekaraar*, Chauhan felt that Anjini's character could have had more value. "I was a little let down about the way Anjini was portrayed. She was slightly neglected in the series. She is so much more pampered. She is very possessive of her loved ones and I feel this part could have been covered better," she says.

As books are turned into OTT shows, Chauhan believes that filmmakers are in need of stories and authors have a gold mine of them.

"A lot of people have been hired by OTT platforms to read books and scout for authors. Writers and authors are finally getting their due. Any book is a product of years of research. When a filmmaker gets hold of this, half of his work is already done," says Chauhan, who is now working on her new book *The Fast and the Dead*, based on the festival Karva Chauth.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Neer Dosa 2) Mavinakai chutney 3) Ven Pongal/Khara Pongal

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Pariza Khan
2. Madhura Sarkhel
3. K Sankar

***Conditions apply**

Vocal for local language

Newly-elected president of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mahesh Joshi, tells *CE* his five-year plan to strengthen the language

ANILA KURIAN

FORMER Additional Director General of Doordarshan **Mahesh Joshi**, who was recently elected as the president of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat has a long to-do list. Among his many ideas, the first one he plans to implement at the start of his five-year term, is the amplification of Kannada literature.

"We're going to make an e-library of sorts so that people world-over have access to Kannada language and literature books. The app will allow them to access the books wherever they are without having to hunt for books, which is the case now. We have to adopt modern technology to keep age-old literature intact," says Joshi, who won the election with a lead of more than 46,000 votes. He took over the position from retired IAS officer Manu Baligar who was elected in 2016.

To implement the books' project, Joshi will begin by approaching college students and school faculty (as membership is for those 18+) to encourage them to borrow and read books in the local language. "There will soon be a door-to-door campaign for a membership drive where students will be given discounts. It will be free for military and paramilitary personnel," he says, adding, "I want to bring down the lifetime membership to ₹250; it is currently ₹500. It's a pocket-friendly deal wherein one will have unlimited access to books."

It's been a busy couple of months for Joshi, with the big win being the culmination of much hard work. Enthusiastic and passionate about the language and the role, Joshi plans to reread some Kannada classics as and when time permits.

In fact, the entire tête-a-tête is completely in Kannada, a language he feels people across the state should pick up. Back to books, he says, "If you want to know about nature and its description, it's important to study the works of Kuvempu. Triveni's novels have impacted me personally. Many of these books were adapted into films and touched millions," he says.

When it comes to poetry, Joshi's suggestions are the compositions of DR Bendre and PS Narasimha Swamy. "These personalities are the jewels of Karnataka literature," he says.

Being the recipient of many awards, including Nadoja, President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service, Joshi comes with much experience. In his term, he wants to make the Kannada Sahitya Parishat "a commoners Parishat".

"There's a lot to do and work is on in full earnest," he says.

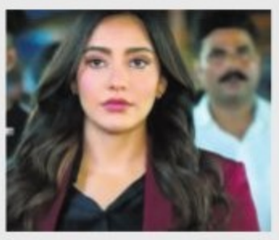
WATCH LIST

DHAMAKA (HINDI)

Streaming: Netflix

The city of Mumbai is gripped with fear when a mysterious person threatens to blow up the Bandra-Worli Sea Link. On the other hand, here is a news anchor, Arjun Pathak who is striving hard to make a comeback on prime time. The arresting thriller follows the phone call conversations between the caller and the anchor where the former demands an apology from a minister on a live TV show. But things turn dicey when Pathak's personal life becomes central to the tense situation in the city.

Cast: Karthik Aaryan, Mrunal Thakur, Amruta Subhash



ILLEGAL, SEASON 2 (HINDI)

Streaming: Voot

Following a gripping season one of courtroom drama, the lawyers are back yet again with a new season and a new case. Young lawyer Niharika Singh continues to practise her own path of cases, while her boss Janardhan Jaitely tests the political waters. However, when a high profile case knocks at the doors of Singh, it is to be seen whether Jaitely and Singh cross paths and if they are for an intense courtroom battle.

Cast: Neha Singh, Piyush Mishra, Akshay Oberoi

HANNA, SEASON 3 (ENGLISH)

Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

The third season of this series follows Hanna as she attempts to destroy the sinister organisation that made her with the help of a troubled ex-CIA agent Marissa Wiegler. The story crisscrosses Europe and builds to a dramatic climax when Hanna and Marissa not only discover the true, horrifying scope of the operation, but the mastermind behind the conspiracy.

Cast: Esmé Creed-Miles, Mireille Enos, Ray Liotta

RED NOTICE (ENGLISH)

Streaming: Netflix

Interpol issues a red notice to nab the world's infamous art thief. A top FBI official is tasked to nab the criminals and save one of the three bejeweled eggs given by Julius Caesar to Cleopatra. He also tags along with a world famous art thief named Nolan Booth to arrest another world famous art thief named The Bishop who has her eyes on the eggs.

Cast: Dwyane Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, Gal Gadot

Glass, glass baby

Looks like actor **Radhika Narayan** had a clear idea of what her weekend was like. On Instagram, she posted a picture of herself wearing glasses and captioned it: "Cos my glasses wanted to do a special appearance on your feed!!" Head to her social media profile to check out the cute pictures she uploaded.

Mental health check

Kubbra Sait, known for being vocal about her feelings, posted a picture of her therapist's lounge, openly sharing with her followers that she seeks help when required. In the long post, she says, "We all need someone to talk to, someone who will in turn listen without judgement and interruptions." True that.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Make plans to watch *Pulp Function* and *Almost Famous* under the stars with SCC SkyCinema at Hightide Restobar.
When: Dec 4-5
Details: bookmyshow.com

FUNNY TALK

Hang out with comedian Rahul Subramanian at his Crowdwork Show as he does an entire set based on his interaction with the crowd.
When: Till Dec 10
Details: bookmyshow.com

FIT CAMP

It's a two-hour event where you do exercises like body weight training, jumping jacks, high keens and animal flow, among others. There will also be trending Instagram challenges. **When:** Dec 4 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

JOLLY GOOD TIME

With six special activities and a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus, ring in the Christmas spirit with kids at Hamleys.
When: Dec 10-19
Details: bookmyshow.com

LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH **ANKITH S VAIDYA** AS HE SHARES HILARIOUS JOKES IN KANNADA AT POPS OF PASTEL. | **WHEN:** DEC 5 | **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

DROP THE BEAT

Singer Benny Dayal will be performing live at UB City Arena. He's popular for lending his voice for songs in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali and Gujarati.
When: Dec 18
Details: bookmyshow.com

RETURN OF DANTE

Dante Beyond Borders is an Italian-Indian theatrical co-production which will be showcased at Ranga Shankara. It's a collaboration between Instabilli Vaganti and Ahum Trust, and inspired by poet Dante Alighieri.
When: Nov 30-Dec 1 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

DANCE BATTLE

If you're a hip-hop dancer, this is an event for you. Register at School of Shuffle Edition 3, compete for a part and have a chance to win ₹2 million.
When: Ongoing **Details:** insider.in

WINE ABOUT IT

Indulge and experience the Big Banyan Vineyard Tours at Tavarakere and learn about the wine making process. You can also participate in the wine tasting session.
When: Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

IN BROW BEAUTY

Cosmetics brand Anastasia Beverly Hills announces the launch of their bestselling products, including brow and make-up products and tools, on Myntra. The wide range of products are available for prices between ₹1,200 and ₹6,000. **Visit:** myntra.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

EASY PRAWN PASTA

INGREDIENTS

- **Spaghetti:** 350 g
- **Medium prawns:** 1 kg (deshelled and deveined)
- **Cherry tomato:** 250 g (halved)
- **Parmesan cheese:** 150 g (grated)
- **Garlic:** a fist and a half (chopped)
- **Fresh basil:** 15-20 leaves
- **Olive oil:** 6 tbsp
- **Salt, pepper, chilli flakes**

METHOD

- Boil pasta with a tablespoon of salt and olive oil. Save a cup or two of the pasta water for later.
- Heat 4-5 tablespoons of olive oil in a wok and fry garlic. Add prawns and cherry tomatoes along with salt. Cook till the prawns start turning orange.
- Add the pasta to the mix and roll everything together. Add the saved pasta water and grated cheese to it. The cheese melts immediately; turn off the gas and add the basil leaves and chilli flakes and mix.

— Zohara Jamal, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

THE MYTHPAT PODCAST

Listen to this podcast as the host and his gamer friends talk about Internet culture, gaming and other random fun stuff.
- Available on: Spotify

TWICE AS ODD

Catch the short podcast every Sunday as the hosts talk about random stuff regarding the world and their perspectives on them.
- Available on: Spotify

CODE SWITCH

It's the fearless conversations about race that you've been waiting for. Hosted by journalists of colour, the podcast tackles the subject of race with empathy and humour.
- Available on: Spotify

HEAVYWEIGHT

Maybe you've laid awake imagining how it could have been, how it might yet be, but the moment to act was never right. Well, the moment is here and the podcast making it happen is Heavyweight.
- Available on: Spotify

ANYTHING GOES WITH EMMA CHAMBERLAIN

Emma has a LOT on her mind. Good thing she has a podcast to talk about it all. Appropriately named, anything really does go on this podcast.
- Available on: Spotify

GOD IS NOT FAIR?

Bringing stories of living people who fight the odds and contribute to society at large. This podcast is part of an initiative to prevent depression and suicide amongst youth.
- Available on: Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

NINU VEEDANI NEEDANUNENE

A young couple find themselves in a terrifying situation after their car meets with an accident near a cemetery. After they return home, everything seems normal except when they look in the mirror.
- Cast: Anya Singh, Sundeep Kishan, Karthick Naren, Divya Ganesh

SEETHARAMA KALYANA

Arya, a righteous man, falls in love with a small-town woman named Geetha, unaware of the obstacles that lie ahead for both of them.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Chikkanna, Girija Lokesh, P Ravi Shankar

DAMAYANTHI

A young man struggles to pay off his father's debts and decides to visit his family's abandoned bungalow. However, he soon realises that it is haunted by a vengeful ghost.
- Cast: Kutty Radhika, Kavya Gowda, Saurav Lokesh, Nakshatra Srinivas

A

A film director fades away from the industry after the failed love with the heroine of his movie. After being rehabilitated, he learns that some people conspired his fall and decides to take revenge.
- Cast: Upendra Rao, Gurukiran, Vijanath Biradar, Archana

RANGITARANGA

Gautam, a novelist, and his wife, Indu, visit her ancestral house after she experiences repetitive nightmares. Subsequently, some unnatural occurrences unfold a mystery about Gautam's forgotten past.
- Cast: Radhika Narayan, Avantika Shetty, Nirup Bhandari, Sai Kumar

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT KIDS CAN TEACH ADULTS ABOUT ASKING FOR HELP BY YEYOON KIM

Do you need some help? It's okay to ask, says Ye Yoon Kim, a former kindergarten teacher who learned from her students how powerful and courageous it can be to reach out for support. Sharing the story of one of the most difficult periods in her life, Kim explores the happiness and joy that can come from leaning on those you love in times of need.

2 A POWERFUL EXPLORATION OF GENDER PERFORMANCE BY JO MICHAEL REZES

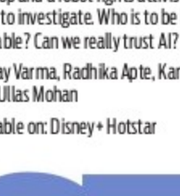
From the stage to everyday life, theater educator Jo Michael Rezes studies queer identity and the spectrum of gender performance — in its success and failure. Aided by a delightful introduction of campy charm, Rezes explores the freeing potential of playing with gender to better understand ourselves, each other and the spaces we inhabit.

3 THE AESTHETICS OF SURVIVAL BY HARI NEF

Trans actress, model and writer Hari Nef scrutinises the concept of passing as a trans woman and using feminisation as a survival tactic. "Hair, makeup and nails keep us strong and safe; does that make us sellouts? Or survivors?" In her talk, Nef boldly investigates trans femininity, asking the question: Why are we shamed for being femme?

4 HOW THE BLOCKCHAIN WILL RADICALLY TRANSFORM THE ECONOMY BY BETTINA WARBURG

In this lucid explainer of the complex (and confusing) technology, Bettina Warburg describes how the blockchain will eliminate the need for centralised institutions like banks or governments to facilitate trade, evolving age-old models of commerce and finance.



5 WHAT FROGS IN HOT WATER CAN TEACH US ABOUT THINKING AGAIN BY ADAM GRANT

From a near-disastrous hike on Panama's highest mountain to joining his high school's diving team, organisational psychologist Adam Grant borrows examples from his life to illustrate how tunnel vision around our goals, habits and identities can find us stuck on a narrow path.

FIT BIT

DHYANA MUDRA

(GESTURE OF MEDITATION)

Dhyana Mudra is specifically used to deepen concentration and guide the practitioner towards inner peace and equanimity. The state of Dhyana is no longer possible to perceive the act of meditation or separate a sense of self from it, and is the preliminary stage before samadhi (bliss). Therefore, it can help the practitioner to progress from dharana towards deeper states of meditation. The connection of the thumbs is believed to symbolise the union of male and female principles that are present in every human being.

STEPS

- Sit in a comfortable yogasana such as Sukhasana or Padmasana. Keep your spine straight.
- Rest your left hand on the lap, palm facing upwards.
- Place the back of your right hand over the left hand, keeping fingers aligned to each other and stretched fully. Touch the tip of the both thumbs together. This will form a triangle-like structure with your hands and thumb.
- Gently close your eyes and take deep and slow breaths.
- Hold this hand position for at least 15 minutes. Then, open your eyes slowly and release the mudra smoothly.
- Perform this mudra at least 45 minutes a day. If you feel it is difficult to do it in a single sitting, perform it three times a day, 10-15 minutes each session.
- While holding hands in this mudra, one can chant Om for better concentration. It will take your awareness to a deeper level.
- Best to perform this mudra with Pranayama, which will increase the quality of meditation.

BENEFITS

- It is specially designed to deepen the levels of meditation. It is very helpful in the spiritual journey.
- In practice, the left and right parts of the body, as well as the brain, are active. Hence, it brings balance between the left and right regions of the brain, as well as the body.
- Also, brings calmness and relaxation to the mind. Hence, it reduces negative emotions such as anger, anxiety, depression, stress.
- Stimulates the Ida and Pingla Nadis (astral channel) of the body, which makes you attentive and focused.
- When one practices this mudra regularly, it keeps him/her away from all the physical and mental illness.

LIMITATIONS

- There are no limitations. Therefore, it can be practised by anyone at any time. For maximum benefits, it should be practised daily during meditation for at least 45 minutes.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

U TURN (Kannada)

Rachana, an intern at a leading newspaper, investigates accidents occurring on a flyover with the help of a crime reporter. However, she gets accused of murdering a motorist on the flyover.

Cast: Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Bhumika, Aadhi, Rahul Ravindran

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

MISMATCHED (Hindi, series)

After being set up by their families, two teenagers strike up a tentative friendship at their summer programme.

Cast: Prajakta Koli, Rohit Saraf, Rannvijay Singha

Available on: Netflix

SPECIAL OPS (Hindi, series)

In a race against time, Himmat Singh and his team are on a mission to end a nineteen-year long manhunt.

Cast: Kay Kay Menon, Vinay Pathak, Karan Tacker

Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

ERIDA (Tamil)

Unmindful of the consequences, a rich man bets his wife in a high-stakes game of poker. However, the gravity of his mistake soon becomes evident.

Cast: Samyuktha Menon, Kishore, Nasser M, Dharmajan Bolgatty

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

MANDELA (Tamil)

In a small village, two political parties compete in the local elections and are ready to win at any cost. In a twist of fate, the single deciding vote comes down to a small-time barber.

Cast: Yogi Babu, Sheela Rajkumar, Kanna Ravi

- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CRIME STORIES: DETECTIVE IN INDIA (Kannada)

Cameras following Bengaluru police on the job offer a glimpse into the inner workings of four major crime investigations.

- Available on: Netflix

OK COMPUTER (Hindi)

When a self-driving car commits murder, a cyber cop and a robot rights activist team up to investigate. Who is to be held accountable? Can we really trust AI?

Cast: Vijay Varma, Radhika Apte, Kani Kusruti, Ullas Mohan

- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

WASP NETWORK (Spanish)

Cuban spies infiltrate exile groups in Miami at great personal cost to stop anti-Castro terrorists in the early 1990s.

Cast: Edgar Ramirez, Penelope Cruz, Ana de Armas, Gael Garcia Bernal

- Available on: Netflix

I LOST MY BODY (French)

A cut-off hand escapes from a dissection lab with one crucial goal: to get back to its body. As it scrambles through the pitfalls of Paris, it remembers its life with the young man it was once attached to, until they met Gabrielle.

Cast: Dev Patel, Victoire du Bois, Alia Shawkat, Tucker Chandler

- Available on: Netflix

THE WHEEL OF TIME (English)

Moiraine, a member of a magical organisation, takes five young people on a journey, believing that one of them might be the reincarnation of the Dragon, prophesied to save the world or destroy it.

Cast: Rosamund Pike, Josha Stradowski, Madeleine Madden, Barney Harris

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

HELLBOUND (Korean, series)

Unearthly beings deliver condemnations, sending individuals to hell and giving rise to a religious group founded on the idea of divine justice.

Cast: Yoo Ah-in, Park Jung-min, Kim Hyun-joo, Won Jin-A

- Available on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Sony Liv: ₹ 299 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Mubi: ₹ 499 per month

THE REAL PICTURE

Shot in Kodagu, this short film that is winning several international awards, throws light on the fight against sexual abuse

EXPRESS FEATURES

THREE characters, 15 minutes and one message...that's *One Right Kick*, a Kannada short film that has won 12 international awards in the category of Best Film on Women. Directed by Balachander Muthappa, the short film features Simhika PV, daughter of PV Shashikanth, former Karnataka Ranji cricket team head coach, as one of the lead roles, along with artistes Ramesh Patil and Mohan Kumar.

The film is based on the awakening of the power of self-defence within women who are victims of sexual abuse. Shot in Kodagu's Somwarpet, the short film is based on the first spark of fear faced by any woman or girl across the globe. According to the director, the film narrates a story of a young innocent carefree girl who is subject to bad touch. Following an untoward incident which she is unable to express to her family or friends, there is a 'simple survival technique' that is choreographed to overcome fear and instill courage.

So far, *One Right Kick* has bagged awards at the Singapore International Short Film Festival, Indo-French International Film Festival, International Motion Picture Festival of India, Turkey Golden Wolf Film Festival, among others. According to director Muthappa, *One Right Kick* is the only Kannada film presented this year that will be screened at Pinewood Studio in the UK till December 13.

Simhika, who is a trained actor from Anupam Kher's Actor Prepares, says, "Every parent is concerned when their girl child travels in public transport. When they experience any untoward incident, a girl cannot open up to society for help. This film breaks away from that and shows how a girl can muster the courage to fight back against such anti-social elements."

She adds that essaying the role of a victim of sexual abuse was challenging. "Throughout the film, I had to express disappointment and fear and my expressions had to overpower dialogues," says Simhika, who will be going to the US to pursue film studies at the New York Film Academy.

The film also carries very little scope for dialogues and deals with body movements and expressions. The "uneasy silence" throughout the film also symbolises how society still stays quiet on issues of sexual abuse, claims the director.

"We want this message to transcend borders. This film gives a different dimension on how to deal with sexual abuse in a public place using an unusual defence technique that target's the criminal's sensitive organ (sic)," says Muthappa, who also adds the film also deals with, fear, courage and survival.

One Right Kick is expected to stream on an OTT platform for the first time in December.

> *When a girl experiences an untoward incident, she cannot open up to society for help. This film breaks away from that and shows how a girl can muster the courage to fight back*
> — Simhika PV, actor

A STILL FROM THE SHORT FILM

YOUNG SIBLINGS ATTEMPT WORLD RECORD

EXPRESS FEATURES

TWO young children are working hard at setting a record for the largest abstract painting in the world. This is to create awareness about art therapy. Trio World Academy students, seven-year-old Virat Karan, and his sister, two-year-old Chanvitha Sundari, are attempting to set a new UNICO Book of World Records by creating a giant 1,000 sqft expressionist painting to raise awareness about the importance of art therapy.

The world record attempt is currently taking place at the school premises. Virat says, "My school has always encouraged, helped and guided me to be the best and now I am going to prove that I am." The siblings' mother, Divya Rajasekaran, says that Virat showed exceptional talent in painting right from when he was six months old. "Both my kids have painted around 250 abstract paintings so far. Because of their immense talents, they have even taken part in several charity events and have donated a couple of their paintings, which makes us even more proud as parents," she says.

LACE UP & SHOW UP

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

FITNESS is not about being a certain size, it is about having an exercise regimen and being able to fulfil the goals or targets that you have set for yourself. With the festive season on and weddings in full swing, it is time to get started with some activity that challenges you. It could be tabata or zumba, walkathons or marathons, pilates or yoga.

The workouts that are trending today are:

■ Quick workouts — The short tenure HIIT or micro-high intensity interval training lasts between 5 and 20 minutes. It stimulates your mind and regenerates the stem cells. The short attention span and irregular working hours make it difficult for many to work out longer. Many apps are a testimony to the rising popularity of such micro workout sessions. There are clubs that give quick, burst workouts to begin a day or as a break from work shifts.

■ Walkathons are amazing for mind-body balance since they give mental health a boost. Walking in nature is therapeutic and there are emerging associations of walkers who also do adventure trips on foot. It gives a sense of freeness and happiness.

■ Running individually or participating in a virtual run, jogging, running...these are the simplest forms of workouts with no appliances required except for running shoes. While participating in a virtual run, one could register with a peer group, or unknown people, or with family. Such runs impart a sense of bonding and well-being along with flexibility of doing it at your pace and place at any age. Rajat Khurana, managing director, ASICS India & South Asia says, "Running is known for being a solo sport, however, a few event formats like Ekiden relay, drive the spirit of cooperation. Working together as a team is a more powerful way of working out as one tends to find ways to win through managing the strengths and weaknesses of other players. Personally, it has been exciting for me to see teammates pushing each other to complete their individual goals and win as a team. Events like these provide an opportunity to athletes where they have an option to run virtually, with all Covid protocols maintained. Team sports cultivate mental toughness and bonding with other athletes, and the gaps between a pro and beginner are diluted. Ekiden is one such initiative by ASICS that aims at providing the best experience for all fitness/ running enthusiasts."

■ LISS or low-intensity steady-state activities like yoga or pilates have risen in popularity owing to the need to maintain posture and mind and body alignment in the pandemic era that confined us indoors. Pilates is a versatile workout that you can include to widen your fitness horizon. Clubbing yoga and pilates is a great idea as pilates is a low-impact workout that helps with strengthening of muscles.

PIC: ASICS- EKIDEN RUN

CREATING THAT COSY CORNER

Having a comfortable corner in the room is one of the best ways to unwind and de-stress. You can find true relaxation in the arms of a soft and plush chair that sinks in when you sit to read a book or watch your favourite TV show. With the temperatures falling, all one wants to do is snuggle and stay in. We tell you how you can create a comfy corner at home to enjoy this weather. Lokendra Singh Ranawat, founder and CEO, Woodenstreet Furniture, shares quick tips to create that comfy spot

Place some fluffy pillows

The joy that comes from a fluffy pillow can't be expressed. Get good pillows to get comfy

Furniture for function & style

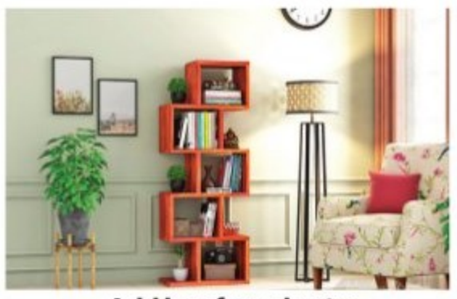
Furniture can be more than just comfort. Invest in some good pieces that spell style

ADD SOME LIGHTS

Lights can lift your mood like no other, choose more than one single tubelight to brighten your day

Toss a throw on the sofa

Throw blankets help achieve that perfect balance between casual and royal seating



Add in a few plants

Plants not only add beauty, they also help keep the air cleaner and greener

Magic of fairy lights

When in the mood for some magic, fairy lights can transport you to another world

MANE MATTERS

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Beauty behaviour with a side of dessert

FOR some of us, booking a hair appointment presents itself with all kinds of fairy tales playing out in your head. Including but not limited to walking out of the salon in slow motion, gorgeous bouncy hair moving with the wind and some ambient Doja cat playing in the background. What happens when you look into the mirror and have streaks from 2005 or a haircut that vaguely resembles an upturned bowl instead? What happens when you catch a glimpse of your new colour in the mirror as your hair is getting blow dried and feel instant dread? The panic sets in.

Do you set fire to the salon? Do you smile grimly in the chair and wait till you can bawl your eyes out in the car? You know your hair stylist is expecting some kind of gratitude, but what happens when you absolutely hate what you're looking at?

It's time to rewind and ask yourself: did you during any point of the consultation say these words: "Do whatever you want," "I don't exactly know what I'm looking for" or "I'm easy to work with"? Because nine out of ten times, this isn't true. Or helpful.

Do some research and go with reference images for your stylist. Ideally with hair textures similar to your natural one. A considerable amount of bad cuts and colours can be prevented by explaining your vision with your stylist.

It also helps if your stylist is honest with you, in return. My hair colourist routinely reminds me that "the internet is not real" and says things like "no babe, that's a wig, and your hair won't make it," when I show him a random Pinterest photo of a woman with gorgeous hair. Apart from clear communication, I've understood that the process of a cut and colour is greatly assisted if you're not coming to the stylist in a raging fit of anger because your partner hurt your feelings. Allow me to explain: If you want to cut your long hair to a pixie-cut, or get bangs, to show that you have control over your life: no matter how good it looks — you will hate it, you will cry, and you will hate the stylist for allowing you to do it. This is why you'll often see stylists trying to talk you down off the ledge, offering a slower transition like shoulder length bobs and curtain bangs instead. It's pretty simple: if you hate your hair, you'll hate the stylist by extension. And life is a little too short for that!

SMARTADS

DON'T CALL US
IF OTHERS CAN FIX LEAKAGE IN RAINY SEASON
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Ram

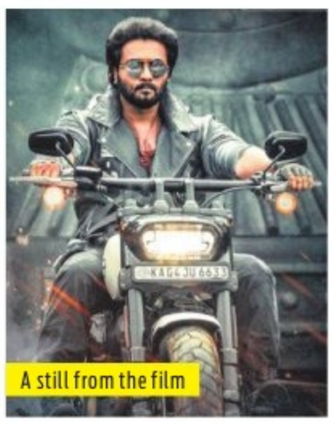
'KGF IS A WATERSHED MOMENT IN MY CAREER'

Ram, in this interview with *CE*, talks about his second outing, *MadhaGaja*

A SHARADHAA

RAM'S debut role as Garuda in Yash-Prashanth Neel's film, *KGF Chapter 1*, fetched him massive popularity. Many still refer to him by that name. Now, after a gap of three years, Ram will be appearing in his second Kannada outing, *MadhaGaja*. The film, directed by Mahesh Kumar, has Ram playing an antagonist and is pitted opposite lead actor Sriimurali. Ram says, "Post *KGF*, I got busy with Tamil and Telugu films. Pandemic was also one of the reasons for the delay in taking up more projects in Kannada. Covid kind of paused my career, which was the case with other actors as well."

When asked how different is his role in *MadhaGaja* from the one he played in KGF, Ram says, "I play a role named Tandava in *MadhaGaja*, and the makers have worked on my looks. With a golden tooth and one eyeball, I have an intimidating makeover. Tandava looks and acts ferociously. Children who watch me in this role might fear coming near me."


A still from the film

Talking about his role in *KGF*, he says, "It is a benchmark in my career, and the fame I got from that film is unmatchable. Character Garuda will remain everlasting. Whatever roles I am offered now and in the future will only be a bonus."

Ram opines that a villain's role becomes more important in mass entertainers than in regular films. He adds that in *MadhaGaja* he has more to do than just fighting the hero. "The director has also brought a good side to Tandava. Though he is a villain, he has immense respect for his father. Whether it is good or bad, he obeys his dad's orders," Ram reveals. The actor has two Kannada films in the pipeline - *Rider* (starring Nikhil Kumaraswamy, slated its release on December 24) and another film with Pranam Devaraj. "I am in talks for a couple of more projects. An official confirmation on these projects will be made soon," he signs off.

SUDHA MURTY HEAPS PRAISE ON *100*

The production house is now looking forward to releasing the Telugu version in December

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RAMESH Aravind's latest directorial, *100*, which is currently running successfully, received appreciation from philanthropist-writer Sudha Murty, who called it a "film for the family." In her video message, Sudha talks about how *100* addresses cybercrime and puts forward an important lesson for people addicted to their phones and social media. Sudha went on to praise the makers of *100* and called it one of the best Kannada films she'd seen recently.

Producer Ramesh Reddy shared that Sudha Murty's words were overwhelming and will always be cherished by him.

Ramesh Reddy

Sudha Murty

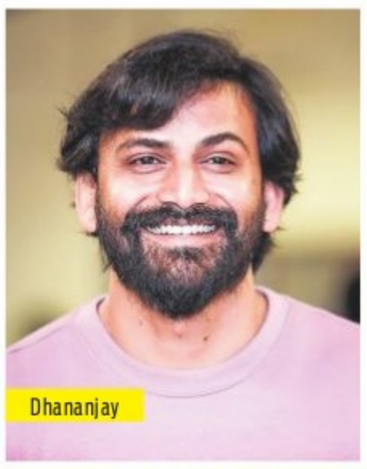
Made under the Suraj Productions banner, *100* stars Ramesh Aravind as a cop, and features Rachita Ram, Poorna and Prakash Belawadi in pivotal roles.

100, which was made in two languages, was released only in Kannada on November 19. The production house is now looking forward to releasing the film in Telugu in December. "We have tied up with popular Telugu distributors, who are looking to release the film in a good number of theatres," says the producer, who is looking forward to releasing his next, Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2*. Ramesh Reddy is also bankrolling Susi Ganesan's upcoming Hindi project.

A still from the film

DHANANJAY, ADITI PRABHUDEVA TO STAR IN *ONCE UPON A TIME IN JAMAALIGUDDA*

The film is helmed by *Kannadakkagi Ondannu Otti* director Kushal Gowda


Dhananjay

Aditi Prabhudeva

A still from the film

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KUSHAL Gowda, who made his directorial debut with *Kannadakkagi Ondannu Otti*, has announced his second venture. Titled *Once Upon a Time in Jamaaligudda*, the film features Dhananjay and Aditi Prabhudeva in the lead.

Billed to be a travel subject, the project marks the first collaboration between Dhananjay and Aditi. The makers, who have completed 30 percent of the shooting, announced the title and first-look poster of the film recently. "We recently completed shooting a few important portions in unique locations of Chikmagalur, Kudremukh, and Kanakapura. The second schedule will resume today in Bengaluru," says the director, who has also brought on board Prakash Belawadi, Bhavana Ramanna, and child artiste Praayna Rao.

Produced by Sri Hari's Niharika Movie banner, *Once Upon a Time in Jamaaligudda* will have music by Arjun Janya. This is Kushal's second film with Arjun, and the former shares that the project will have a lot of importance to music. Karthik S, an erstwhile assistant of cinematographer Naveen Kumar, will make his debut as the DOP in this project.

Meanwhile, Dhananjay has an interesting lineup of films including the Allu Arjun-starrer, *Pushpa*, which is slated for a December 17 release. Dhananjay also has *Badava Rascal* hitting the screens on December 24, and is currently committed to his multilingual project, *Head Bush*, directed by Shoonya.

Sidharth Malhotra starts filming for action franchise *Yodha*

Sidharth Malhotra

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ACTOR Sidharth Malhotra has started filming for *Yodha*. The film, directed by Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha, is the first of a proposed action franchise. It is produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, who also backed Sidharth's last hit *Shershaah*.

"After conquering the peaks, I am proud to present Sidharth Malhotra back with power in the first of the action franchise by Dharma Productions – *Yodha*. Directed by the dynamic duo – Sagar Ambre & Pushkar Ojha. Landing in cinemas," Karan had earlier shared on social media. Posters of *Yodha* were released recently. They depict Sidharth aiming a gun in combat gear. The *SOTY* actor has been on an action spree, having delivered *Shershaah* and starring in the forthcoming thriller *Mission Majnu*.

Simon Callow on board indie heist film *The Pay Day*

Simon Callow

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ACTOR Simon Callow has joined the cast of the upcoming indie heist film, *The Pay Day*.

The story centres on a down-on-her-luck IT technician (Kyla Frye) who is tapped by an eccentric crime boss (Callow) to steal millions of dollars worth of data in a sophisticated hack. The plan goes awry when she is thwarted by a con artist (Sam Benjamin).

Written by Frye and Benjamin, the film is set to be directed by Sam Bradford. The cast of the film also includes Ellen Thomas, Vincent Jerome, Marcus Onilude, Rae Lim, Farrel Jo Hegarty, Miles Mitchell, Kara-Dee Rai, Jacob Anderton, Frankie Clarence and Dominic Ryan.

Praxima, Graceless Productions, and Fryeday Entertainment are producing the project.

Anand Gandhi announces reel short film *Terra*

Anand Gandhi

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FILMMAKER-producer Anand Gandhi (*Ship of Theseus, Tumbbad*) has announced his next venture, *Terra*, a 1-minute reel format short film. The poster depicts an astronaut on a red landscape.

"From Mars to Earth. From barren lands to regenerative cities. The future of human civilisation is #IntheMaking. Tune into Instagram's Cinema Reels Film (a 1 Minute short) – *Terra* directed by me," Anand wrote sharing the poster on Instagram. *Terra* will release on Voot and Voot Instagram. Anand's production lab, Memesys, was behind the sci-fi comedy series OK Computer (2021). He has also announced his next directorial feature, *Emergence*.

Mahershala Ali

Blade, starring Mahershala Ali, to start filming in summer 2022

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MAHERSHALA Ali's Blade was earlier speculated to release in October 2022. Recent reports, however, suggest that the film is only set to begin shooting in Summer 2022.

The post-credit scenes of Eternals, which released in theatres on November 5, featured Kit Harrington's character Dane Whitman admiring Ebony Blade. It was right after he had given himself a pep talk. A voice was heard posing the question, "Sure you're ready for that, Mr Whitman?"

This post-credit scene had confused many fans of the Marvel multiverse, but it also gave rise to the speculation that the film was scheduled for a release sooner rather than later. At this time, Marvel India released a tweet with a schedule of upcoming releases in the country.

In addition to Eternals, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, Thor: Love and Thunder and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, the list also featured Blade. The release date was revealed as October 7, 2022.